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Museum features Cheyenne artist

By Rosemary Stephens,
Reporter/Graphic Artist

Soft lights illuminate colorful paintings of renowned painter and sculptor Harvey Pratt at the Southern Plains Indian Museum in Anadarko, Okla.

“We are so pleased to have Harvey Pratt here for his exhibit, it’s such an honor.” Eva Williams, curator, said. “I was a little intimidated to ask Harvey to come speak because he is so well know, but when I talked to him he was so friendly and readily accepted.”

Pratt’s art reflects themes of tradition, the Cheyenne people, warriors, and death. History, truthfulness, tribulation and humanity’s essence are his favorite topics, Pratt said.



One of Harvey Pratt’s paintings entitled *Stands Alone*.

“I’ve been very fortunate to be able to work with my art, I change styles and I try to listen to people when I create,” Pratt

said. “I love to sculpt, it is my love and I have taken a little bit of something from every artist I have ever known or worked under.”

Pratt graduated high school from Saint Patrick’s Indian Mission in Anadarko, Okla. He proceeded to earn an associate in applied science (A.A.S.) degree in police science from Oklahoma State University (OSU) in Oklahoma City.

Pratt joined the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations (OSBI) in 1972 as a narcotics investigator and retired in 1992 as an assistant director.

Currently Pratt is a police forensic artist for the OSBI and is the only full-time forensic artist in Oklahoma. He is considered by many to be the leading forensic artist in the United States.

“You have to live up to something in this life, you have to have goals and choose someone to model yourself after and I wanted to be like by grandfather,” Pratt said. “Whenever I would ask why something was the way it was, he would always say, you will learn in time. (It) used to drive me crazy, but then I realized what it meant. When I learn something from experience it becomes mine, I own it, but if someone tells me something then I will forget it or let it go.”

Pratt’s art has included the design of the Oklahoma Centennial Commemorative Pendleton blanket, memorials, and completed forensic sketches of Big-



Photos by Rosemry Stephens

Harvey Pratt shares a funny story with the audience.

foot based on interviews with witnesses of Bigfoot sightings.

“I got involved with the Bigfoot researchers when they came to me and it’s been an adventure ever since ... never pass up a chance for an adventure,” Pratt said. “The Bigfoot sculpture I created is from descriptions I have gotten from very credible people, but I really can’t go into much more detail because I am scheduled to speak about Bigfoot in April.”

The Southern Plains Indian Museum will be featuring Pratt’s art through May 2, 2009 with a Bigfoot art and presentation by Pratt at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2009 in the Rose-

mary Ellison Gallery. Admission is free and works of art are available for sale.

The museum is located at 715 East Central Blvd. in Anadarko, Okla. For more information on Pratt’s exhibition, call (405) 247-6221.



Pratt’s sculpture of Bigfoot appears to be coming out of the wall.

An exhibition titled *Bigfoot Encounters* will feature art and a presentation from Pratt on April 18, 2009 at the Southern Plains Indian Museum in Anadarko, Okla.

Task force forms to fight alcohol, drugs

By Rosemary Stephens,
Reporter/Graphic Artist

The U. S. Department of Justice grants funding to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes police department to form a task force that will battle against alcohol and drugs called the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (IASAP).

The first meeting of the IASAP advisory board was held on March 19, 2009 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Department of Education building in El Reno, Okla.

Some of the roles of the advisory board are to direct activities of the program, collect data on alcohol and drug abuse in Native American communities, develop a tribal safety action plan, and to help with the lack of awareness

with alcohol and drug problems.

“Alcohol and substance abuse, with a strong emphasis on methamphetamine (meth), has emerged as the number one problem throughout the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal communities. These problems affect everyone in the community with broken families, child abuse, suicides, higher drop out rates, sexual abuse, and higher crime rates,” Maria Thorpe, IASAP program coordinator, said.

Chief of Police David Hardin said, the federal grant was given to the tribal police department before he came on as the police chief.

“A commitment to participate and be actively involved is



Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Probation Officer, Terry Smith (l) and Chief of Police David Hardin (r) discuss impacts of alcohol and drug addiction.

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Cheyenne, Arapaho Legislature loses Fort Reno

Richard Grellner fumbles lawsuit

Submitted by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes
Office of the Governor

Richard Grellner, an attorney illegally hired by the legislature for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, lost the case for return of the Fort Reno lands to the tribes. On March 17, 2009, the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled the tribes’ claim for Fort Reno lands failed. The court stated Grellner failed to plead the necessary “facts” to keep the tribes’ claims alive.

History of conflicts between the tribes, Grellner

Grellner previously sued the tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) claiming the tribes owed him for legal fees dating back more than ten years for the “recovery efforts of Fort Reno.” Both the tribes and the BIA successfully defended against Grellner’s claims for legal fees; however, after winning the lawsuit, the legislature (headed by Ida Hoffman, Patrick Spottedwolf and Robert Wilson) nevertheless improperly hired Grellner to pursue the Fort Reno claims, and improperly excluded Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Gov. Darryl Flyingman from all decisions regarding the lawsuit.

Ida Hoffman and other legislators also improperly authorized the payment of \$350,000 for Grellner’s alleged ‘past due legal fees’ directly from the casino. The tribes’ former gaming manage-

ment company, Southwest Corporation, improperly paid Grellner \$350,000 directly from the tribes’ casino, which resulted in an audit finding directed against the tribes by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC).

Flyingman excluded by legislature

The tribes’ legislature does not possess the right to file lawsuits on behalf of the tribes, rather, the legislature is vested with the tribes’ legislative power to make laws and pass budgets. Despite their clear lack of authority to litigate the Fort Reno claims, the legislature hired Grellner to pursue these claims. Ida Hoffman, Robert Wilson, and other legislators, and well as Grellner, excluded Flyingman from all information regarding the Fort Reno lawsuit, and have kept all matters dealing with the Fort Reno claims secret. Flyingman has no knowledge or information about the claims brought by Grellner or the amount of money paid to Grellner.

Grellner files bogus invoice; Yvonne Wilson, Southwest Corporation approved payment

In 2004, Grellner submitted an invoice to the tribes’ Gaming Commission, which was headed by former Commissioner Yvonne Wilson, wife of Legislator Robert Wilson. The Grellner invoice requested \$14,000 per month for legal fees for a four-month period. See a copy of the invoice on page 11. Yvonne Wilson approved by

the Grellner invoice for “\$64,000.00” and the casino, managed by Southwest Corporation at the time, paid Grellner \$64,000.

However, the total cost to the Gaming Commission for Grellner’s monthly fees should have been only \$56,000, (i.e., four months at \$14,000 per month), nevertheless, both Wilson and Southwest Corporation approved payment to Grellner for \$8,000.00 more!

Grellner, legislature lose Fort Reno

After 12 years and hundreds of thousands of dollars paid to Grellner, the DC Court of Appeals has rejected the tribes’ claims to Fort Reno. Now, the legislature is spending thousands of dollars more to travel to Washington, D.C. to attend meetings to ask the federal government to return Fort Reno lands.

Again, the legislature has excluded Flyingman from all activities involving Fort Reno.

Flyingman is calling on the legislature to stop wasting unauthorized money on Grellner and his failed attempts regarding Fort Reno. Hoffman and the legislature violated the tribes’ constitution when it hired and paid Grellner to pursue these claims. The legislature should stop wasting money on Grellner, and should instead work with the governor’s office to address the Fort Reno matter for the benefit of all the members of the tribes.

Contact person for the tribes: Erica Hart-Whitecloud, chief of staff, Executive Branch, Office of the Governor (405) 422-7400.

Curtis becomes new Cheyenne princess

Submitted article

On March 7, 2009 Brooke “Red Plume” Curtis was crowned the 2009 Cheyenne Tribal Princess.

She is the 14-year-old daughter of Kayty Curtis, the granddaughter of the late Amiel George Curtis Jr. of Clinton, Okla. and Rosalyn Tsosie Curtis of Navajo, N.M.

Curtis is active in basketball, Girl Scouts and serves as a “Peer Mediator” for her school.

Her hobbies include reading, basketball and she is currently learning to play the violin.

She is hoping to work with some of the elders this summer in setting up some sort of language learning class so the youth might be able to learn some Cheyenne history and language.

Curtis states that as young people we need to know our tribal history and respect our heritage.

Curtis states that she is very honored to have been selected to serve as the Cheyenne Tribal Princess.

She states that the honor is humbling and an honor that only a few young ladies are blessed with.

Curtis also states that she will do her best to serve as a good will ambassador for the Cheyenne tribe as well as all Native American people.

For the month of April, Curtis will be promoting child abuse prevention.



Brooke Curtis

She said April is National Child Abuse Prevention month.

She states that information she received states that April was first declared Child Abuse Prevention Month by presidential proclamation in 1985.

Since then, people and organizations who are dedicated to protecting children have used this special time of year to recognize the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse in all its forms.

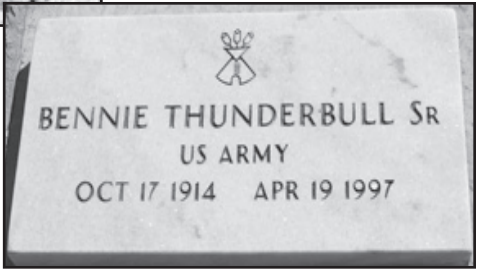
She wants to encourage everyone to wear a blue ribbon to honor a child and even decorate the trees in their yards with blue ribbons.

Kaylee Bish, who served as the 2008 Arapaho Tribal Princess and is currently “Miss Indian Exposition 2008-2009,” crowned Curtis.



Photos by Dana Attocknie

Luke and Alton Bearshield pay their respects to their grandfather Bennie Thunderbull, Sr. after his military headstone was set on March 12, 2009 at the Clinon Cemetery.



Thunderbull receives veteran headstone

By Dana Attocknie,
Managing Editor

Although there’s a radiant March sun above the Clinton cemetery, it’s two grandsons that are spreading all the warmth. “To me, he was a good grandpa; always took care of me and I appreciated all he did for me,” Luke Bearshield said. “Even though he had all those other kids, he kind of watched out for me.” Both Luke and Alton Bearshield paid their respects to their grandfather Bennie Thunderbull, Sr. after his military headstone was set on March 12, 2009.

Thunderbull was born in Clinton, Okla. on Oct. 17, 1914 and died on April 19, 1997.

He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in White Sands, N.M.

Thunderbull was married to Nellie Bigeagle and his childrens names are Bennie, Larry,

Pearlene, Bertha, Mary, Caroline, Sandy and Clara. He worked as a house painter.

Luke Bearshield said his grandfather always bought him what he needed and always took care of him.

“He was a loving grandpa,” Alton Bearshield said.

Marvin Wilson from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA) said Luke Bearshield contacted him about acquiring a military headstone for his grandfather.

“I think this was his last act as his grandson,” Wilson said.

OVA in conjunction with the tribes enrollment department have now helped eleven families acquire military headstones for their family veterans. As part of the headstone setting ceremony, Wilson reads a poem in honor of all fallen veterans and always presents them with a final salute.

Families are able to select from three types of headstones. They can request a tall marble headstone that stands straight, a flat marble headstone, or a flat bronze headstone. Thunderbull received a flat marble headstone.

For more information about the headstone project, call OVA at (405) 422-7682.

Heating things up while controlling the land

By Dana Attocknie,
Managing Editor

The smoke billows across Canton Lake as the fire eats old brush and forestland nearby during a prescribed fire in Canton, Okla.

“I think it’s important to know that we do prescribed fires because of ecological benefits; we believe it provides a benefit to the natural resources,” Josh Williams, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) southern plains region fuel specialist, said.

The BIA/Concho Agency Fire Crew held pre-

scribed burns on March 10, 14 and 15, 2009 at the Pawnee Woman and Dodging Girl allotments, and on March 17, 2009 at the Buffalo Pens and Expansion, which is tribal property.

Rupert Nowlin of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Economic Development department said the objectives of prescribed burns are, “Hazard fuel reductions (Prevention of wildfires), Red Cedar removal and prairie (grasslands, pasture) maintenance.”

According to the U.S. Forestry Service Web site, prescribed burns are essential to the ecological process and exclusion of them from the ecosystems has led to “unhealthy forest, woodland and rangeland conditions.”

“Because of burns, there’s no fuel for grass fires to take off,” Nowlin said. “Fire has been used by all the tribes for centuries.”

Nowlin said long ago burns helped renew the earth and made it easier for hunting purposes, plus there was nice fresh grass after the burn and the buffalo would migrate back to the area.

Today, it can be a lengthy process to orchestrate a prescribed burn, Williams said. A burn is first recommended, a burn plan is made, an environmental assess-



Photos by Dana Attocknie

BIA Fire Crew member Nathan Lillie walks with a drip torch during a prescribed burn on March 17, 2009 in Canton, Okla.

ment is done, and everything has to be approved. In the case of the Canton burns, the Concho Agency superintendent approved the work.

The U.S. Forestry Service Web site states federal prescribed fire programs are guided by Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Program principles. The guide “provides unified direction and guidance for prescribed fire planning and implementation for the Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the National Park Service (NPS), the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the United States Department

of Agriculture Forest Service (USDA FS).”

Williams said prior to a burn, crews have to put in mow lines, complete tree trimming and they sometimes have to dig holes around poles in the area. In addition, local fire and police department are notified so they don’t think there is a real fire in the area. He said the goal is to burn an area every three to five years, if funds are available.

Nowlin said an ignition team and holding team are selected for each burn and the prescribed burn season is February through March and early April,

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Jay Clark drives while Kyle Nonast sprays water on the prescribed burn in Canton, Okla. Clark and Nonast are members of the BIA Fire Crew.

Reunion unites friends

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

The soft sound of Percy Sledge fills the air as old friends greet one another laughing and hugging. Old photos and memorabilia line the tables displaying the theme of “we will never forget,” and children dart here and there playing games.

On Saturday, March 14, 2009 former employees from the Indian Agency and Concho Indian School, along with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, attended the Second annual Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) reunion held at the 4-H building in El Reno, Okla.

“This is our second year for the reunion and I am excited to see so many people come out this year,” Rhoena Preciso said. “We got



Rhoena Preciado stands in front of a photo display with the reunion theme, We will never forget, across the top.

tired of just seeing each other at funerals so some of us got together and started this reunion and I am really happy we did.”

On the committee to coordinate the yearly reunion were Preciso, Patty Bell, Calvin White, Julia Cummings, Malaina Tall Bear, JoAnn Wilkerson and Becky Dyer.

“While working, living or growing up at Concho ... even though we didn’t realize it at the time ... was one of the best times in many of our lives and after the Concho School closed down many of us moved away and we would see each other periodically, but there were some we hadn’t seen in years,” Dyer said. “One of the main concerns was so many of the original BIA employees and Concho Indian School people were getting up in age and passing on so we wanted to get everyone together on a regular basis to visit and catch up with each other’s lives.”

Tables were lined with food for a buffet style lunch and to kick off the day’s events, Jo Ann Black, a retired minister, was asked to say a few words.

“I am very honored to be asked to say the prayer today and I pray to God He will grant us another year together,” Black said. “I was flabbergasted when I walked in and heard Percy Sledge playing; took me back to earlier years ... you know I just wanted to start doing the slow grind.”

As the guests ate and visited, Mock Tall Bear and Jerry (JD) Doyebi kept the music playing with songs from 1960s and 1970s.



Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Pam Wyrick welcomes Jason McNamar to the second annual BIA reunion.

Malaina Tall Bear orchestrated games played throughout the afternoon. The first set of games was an old fashion bingo session followed by a game of Family Feud while some of the guests watched a slideshow of last year’s Soul Train dance line.

One of the bingo winners was Emily Ramirez who worked for the BIA from 1962 to 1986. Ramirez said she loved the years she

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal complex will be closed on Monday April 13, 2009 in observance of the Easter holiday.

Tenth circuit court of appeals affirms conviction of former secretary

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – John C. Richter, United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, announced the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit has upheld the conviction of Renee Island, 44, of Calumet, Okla., who was found guilty by a

jury in January 2008 of conspiracy and embezzlement of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal funds derived from the Lucky Star Casinos.

Island was employed by the Cheyenne and Arapaho A-2 District as the secretary to Robert Tabor, the former

Arapaho District A-2 elected representative and chairman of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Business Committee. Island was sentenced in May 2008 to serve ten months in prison and pay \$34,837.38 in restitution to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Dancing into Spring

By Dana Attocknie,
Managing Editor

Laughter echoes throughout the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Wellness Center as children Spring into Wellness.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Diabetes Wellness program hosted Spring into Wellness camps on March 17, 2009 at SWOSU in Weatherford, Okla., March 18, 2009 in Geary, Okla. and on March 19, 2009 in Hammon, Okla.

The day of fun and fitness is geared toward children from 8 to 14 years of age, but everyone is welcome.

“We don’t refuse any kids. We don’t ever turn a kid away,” Danelle Johnson, project coordinator, said.

Johnson said children 8-14 years old are developing and

people can have a good influence on them during that time. Before the children began any activity they were measured, weighed and had a finger stick test done.

The children and Diabetes Wellness staff then ate a breakfast snack of yogurt, pineapples, grapes, and muffins. Soon after the fruit was consumed, the children raced to the basketball courts and began playing.

“We want to keep it as fun as possible,” Johnson said. “We try to keep them as active as possible.”

Some of the children were picked up and taken to the event by Community Health Representatives, head start workers, and the Recreation, Exercise and Sports for the Elders and Children of our Tribes (R.E.Sp. E.C.T.) program.

“Other programs help out; we’re fortunate to have them,” Johnson said.



Photos by Dana Attocknie

(Top) Kristie Purdy and Deborah Ellis of the Diabetes Wellness program, serve a healthy snack to children during Spring into Wellness.

(Right) Danelle Johnson helps a participant with his snack.

All of the children participated in an introduction game before learning some Native American dances.

Margie Deer, R.E.A.C.H. US supervisor, showed both the children and the staff members a few Caddo dances, like the

green corn dance and duck dance. The boys formed one line and the girls formed another. Everyone started out trotting and once Deer made a single with her hands in the air, everyone switched places.

Although the participants were indeed learning about a Native American heritage, they were also exercising. The afternoon session then allowed participants to exercise their brains when Patricia Yarholar, Health Education director, gave a presentation on methamphetamines.

According to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Web site, “Hundreds of children are neglected every year after living with parents who are meth



‘cooks.’ More than 20 percent of the meth labs seized last year had children present.”

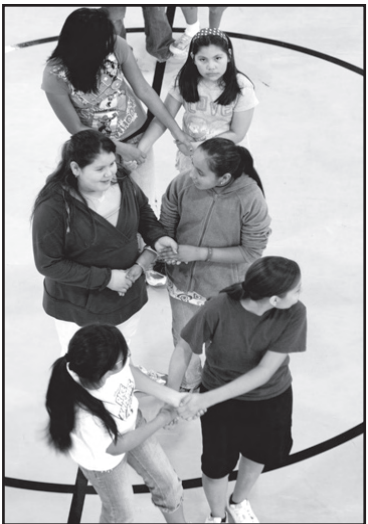
The Spring into Wellness flyers posted for the event stated the goal of the day camps were to, “teach our youth about prevention, strength, and taking control of our health.”

Up next is an overnight Diabetes Wellness camp scheduled for the first week in June 2009. This will be the third Diabetes Wellness camp.

For more information on the camp, call the Diabetes Wellness staff at (405) 422-7458.



Margie Deer, R.E.A.C.H. US supervisor, showed both the children and the Diabetes Wellness staff members a few Caddo dances, like the green corn dance and the duck dance.



Horses, a tradition, a way of life

By Rosemary Stephens,
Reporter/Graphic Artist

In days gone by galloping horses could be seen gracefully gliding across open pastures when entering Concho, Okla.

“In generations past our Cheyenne and Arapaho people were the finest horsemen to ride the plains. The mustang horse is an important part of our history. These mustangs are the closest breed of horses to the horses our ancestors once rode,” Curtis Levi, a former member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Horsemen Association, said.

Levi said there is one mustang stallion, Medicine Hat, who is left from those days past and he belongs to all the Cheyenne and Arapaho people.

Medicine Hat was born June 15, 2001 and was considered by many to possess mystical powers, Levi said. The horse is solid white with black on top of his head that resembles a hat and black on the tip of his white tail. Medicine Hat will turn 8-years-old on his next birthday.

“For awhile he (Medicine Hat) didn’t have a name, not until Cheyenne elder Merle Lopez named him, and he has real good blood lines on both sides of his parents,” Levi said. “We can breed Medicine Hat and other breeds to build a herd again for our children and our grandchildren ... I think it’s real important for us as Cheyenne and Arapaho people to bring horses back to Concho.”

Levi and Kris Little Raven, Lucky Star Casino manager, would like to see the Cheyenne and Arapaho Horsemen Association return to the tribes.

The mustang project goals would be to protect and preserve the mustang horses, breed and train the tribes’ own horses, and bring knowledge of horses back to the children as well as develop jobs and training opportunities for tribal members.

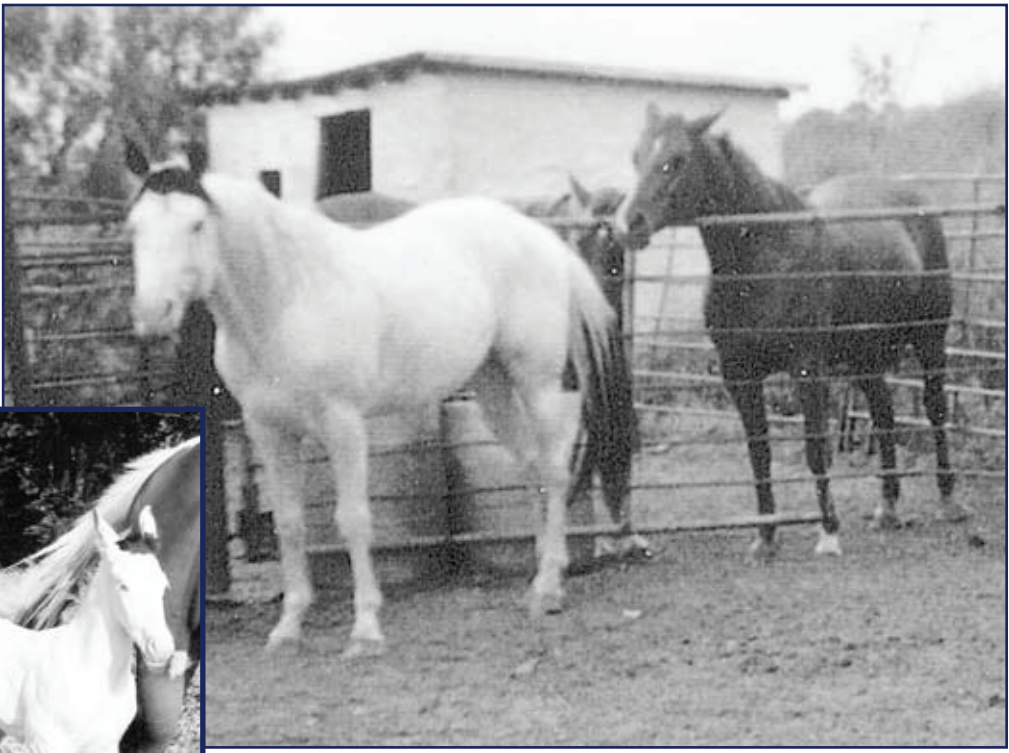
“I think it would be great if we could pull together and bring horses back to Concho for our younger youth,” Little Raven said. “Our princesses should be furnished horses to ride on; it is a tradition

that goes back to our ancestors.”

Levi outlined a preliminary plan to rebuild the horse herd for the tribes by breeding Medicine Hat, conducting riding clinics and camps for the youth, developing riding trails within tribal land and opening a full operational stable.

“In developing the mustang project we hope to bring something good and positive to our children and grandchildren. It is our intent to educate our tribal youth on the importance of the horse and how much of an impact they once had on the lives of our ancestors,” Levi said.

For more information about building and developing the Cheyenne and Arapaho Horsemen Association contact Levi (405) 262-0883.



Courtesy photos

(Top) Medicine Hat as an 8-year-old stallion.
(Left) Medicine Hat as a colt born on June 15, 2001.



Teaching money management techniques

By Rosemary Stephens,
Reporter/Graphic Artist

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and the Community Financial Services Association of America (CFSA) work together to bring money management training techniques to employees.

CFSA Representatives Kathleen Moore and Evonne Bennett and former U.S. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell met on March 13, 2009 at Redlands Community College in El Reno, Okla. to teach people how to become money management trainers.

“I designed the Money Smart curriculum when I was still employed with CFSA,” Moore said. “Then I left to start my own company, StrateComm, so

CFSA contracted myself and Moore said. “It is most important for those who are working with high school students, or college students to teach them how to manage money, especially now.”

Bennett gave a PowerPoint presentation about facts and statistics in relation to money management within Indian country.

“The poverty rate for Native Americans is approximately 26 percent, which is 2.6 times higher than for other



Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Kathleen Moore stresses the importance of teaching money management skills to teenagers and college students.

ethnic races ... and our native youth, well did you know that they had lower performance scores in every area of financial literacy such as income, spending, money management, savings, and credit than any other group tested,” Bennett said.

Bennett and Moore stressed the importance of putting culture and financial education together in trainings and suggested using story telling as one method of reaching the younger generation.

“We have a summer youth program for ages 14-21 through our department, Workforce Investment Act (WIA),” Christine Noah, program coordinator, said. “This training will help us to teach these kids how to save, spend wisely and make good



Courtesy photo

Gov. Darryl Flyingman, Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Lt. Gov. Teresa Dorsett.

choices about money.”

For more information about the Money Smart curriculum or

to start a youth learn and save program, email CFSA at programsfsa@multistate.com.

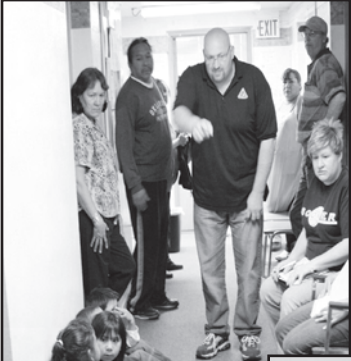
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Courtesy photo

The Oklahoma Warriors took second place in their division in the 2009 NBA basketball tournament in Mustang, Okla. The final game was a close race with the final score 10 to 13.

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James Nimrod of emergency management services conducts a fire drill with the students of the Concho Head Start on Wednesday, March 25, 2009.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens



Students are taught to cover their heads and lie low in case of fire.



James Nimrod complements the students of Concho Head Start for their immediate response in covering their heads and bending low to avoid smoke inhalation in case of a fire.

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Courtesy photo

During the week of spring break the Concho Child Development Center had “Theme Week.” Tuesday they wore the color green for St. Patrick’s Day. Wednesday was hat and sunglasses day and they wore their favorite hat and sunglasses (pictured above). Thursday was opposite day and the kids wore clothes inside out or backwards. Friday was pajama and crazy hair day. They wore their favorite pair of pajamas and had some crazy hair.

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Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Jennine Bortmess, president of the Native American School of Protocol held a business etiquette training course on March 24, 2009 at the department of education building in El Reno, Okla.



Jennie Whiteman (l) and Wanda Whiteman (r) wait their turn to introduce themselves.



Esther Williams, director Elder Care program introduces herself to the class and tells a little bit about herself.

HIV/AIDS awareness conference, celebrating life

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

The first day of spring found men, women and children gathered together in a celebration of life at the Third annual National HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and health fair.

The day opened with a prayer and the bringing in of the flags by the Riverside Indian School Color Guard and swung into a powwow with dance categories in straight dance, fancy dance, traditional dance, tiny tots, fancy shawl/jingle and more.

“This is the third year for this conference ... aids awareness day ... but it is the first time we’ve held a powwow and it looks like there is going to be a lot of people here today,” Patricia Yarholar, health education director and conference coordinator, said.

The conference and powwow were held on Friday March 20, 2009 at the Community Center in Concho, Okla. Informational booths and representatives were available for people to learn about the HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) and AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) virus and blood screenings were given free of charge.

Chad Faber, Oklahoma Native American Aids Coalition



Children dance in the grand entry for the Third annual HIV/AIDS awareness conference.



Nanosh Deer, 2, dances in the tiny tots competition during the powwow held for the HIV/AIDS awareness conference.

(ONAAC) chairman and Donna Sandoval, ONAAC vice-chairwoman, were on hand to volunteer with serving snacks, drinks and participating in the day’s events as sponsors.

“The Native American people are in denial about the seriousness of aids and we hope to

make them more aware of this growing problem and that it is preventable,” Sandoval said. “The Native American population is the third largest group infected with the HIV/AIDS virus and yet we are the smallest minority group ... something wrong with that picture.”

HIV is the virus that causes AIDS. AIDS is a disease of the immune system. There is treatment for this disease, but there is no cure. The virus (HIV) and the disease it causes (AIDS) are often linked and referred to as HIV/AIDS.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) council, drug abuse and addiction have been linked with HIV/AIDS since the beginning of the epidemic. Injection drug use is the most well known for causing AIDS however the role of the non-injection drug abuse plays in the spread of HIV/AIDS is less recognized. Partly due to the addictive and intoxicating effects of many drugs, which can alter judgment and inhibition and lead people to engage in impulsive and unsafe behaviors. AIDS is now considered a pandemic (affecting the world as a whole). NIDA also reports that in 2007, an estimated 33.2 million people lived with the disease worldwide, and it killed an estimated 2.1 million people, including 330,000 children.

“When I was 19 years old I tested positive for HIV, two weeks later I was diagnosed with AIDS. It is a gift to me to share with young people about the irresponsible behaviors that ultimately led me to become infected with AIDS,” Phillip Smith, guest speaker said. “It is a myth that this is a homosexual disease ... I can tell you right now this disease will hit heterosexuals, black, white, Native Americans ... it (AIDS) does not discriminate.”

Other guest speakers included Michele Barnett, a recovering meth addict, Sally Pittser from the Oklahoma State Department of Health and Sandoval.

For more information about HIV/AIDS prevention or testing for the HIV virus contact Sandoval (405) 422-7670 or Yarholar (405) 422-7676.



Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Master of Ceremonies Cortney Yarholar thanks the speakers and guests for attending.

Preparing to make a difference

By Dana Attocknie, Managing Editor

Getting into law school takes preparation.

“None of us will admit you because we feel sorry for you,” Stanley Evans, University of Oklahoma (OU) College of Law assistant dean for admissions, said. “Concentrate on getting into law school first then

“Lawyers do turn out to be leaders in society,” Lawrence Hellman said.

Hellman, OCU’s School of Law dean, and a small army of law professionals helped students with tips on preparing for admission, financial aid/scholarships, and discussed basic issues in Indian law.

Representatives from Oklahoma’s three law schools, OU, OCU and University of Tulsa (TU) College of Law, not only offered students an admissions check list and insight into legal issues in Indian country, but also fielded questions from them and provided guidance.

“I want to try and help the tribes and make legal services available to everyone in the tribe and not just those who can pay for it,” Alden Whiteman, Southern Cheyenne, said.

Approximately 30 students attended the full-day Saturday conference.



Photos by Dana Attocknie

Alden (m) and Jennie Whiteman (r) talk to Stanley Evans (l) from the University of Oklahoma (OU) College of Law at Native American pre-law day on March 14, 2009 at Oklahoma City University’s (OCU) School of Law.

worry about financial aid and scholarships. Worry about it, but don’t stress out about it. Do the things you need to do to make yourself the most attractive candidate.”

Perspective Native American law students gathered to find out what it takes to get into law school during Native American pre-law day on March 14, 2009 at Oklahoma City University’s (OCU) School of Law.

Some of the main reasons they listed for acquiring a law degree were to help solve problems in tribal government, help maintain heritage and sovereignty, help their tribes progress, and overall to become educated leaders for their tribes since they share the same cultural interests.

The immediate concerns for the students are grades, taking the Law School Admis-

Elder Care policy update

Submitted article

Issued March 19, 2009. The Elder Care program pays utility bills for income eligible elders every 90 days. Our policy is to pay the current monthly charges.

Since the guidelines have been in place, the Elder Care program has been able to re-evaluate certain policies that appear to be areas which could allow for more leniencies. As a result, as of March 19, 2009, the Elder Care program has increased the amount available for your utility payments.

Previously, if you submitted a bill, which was less than \$65, the Elder Care program would not pay it; fortunately, however, this \$65 limitation now has been lowered to \$25. This means, if you submit a bill for more than \$25, this increase will allow for possible financial assistance, if you are income eligible. Due to the prior \$65 limitation, some elders may have had their March 2009 bills denied or may have not submitted them. If so, elders may re-submit those bills for re-consideration.

On another important note, the Social Security Administration may have a plus in-store for you soon. “In May 2009, Social Security will distribute a one-time payment of \$250 to Social Security

and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries nationwide. The payments are provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,” states a Social Security Administration External Affairs associate commissioner.

The Elder Care program has ordered leaflets with greater detailed information regarding this one-time payment, in which the leaflets should be received in approximately two weeks. If you would like to obtain a leaflet with more information, please contact the Elder Care program.

Currently, the Elder Care program is conducting surveys of the needs of our elders. Your participation in filling these surveys with your input is encouraged. We value your input. The surveys are available at the Elder Care office. We have successfully received completed surveys from elders at the past listening sessions and we will continue to gather surveys at the upcoming listening sessions.

The Elder Care staff attended the Seiling community listening session on Tuesday, March 17, 2009. The elders who completed and returned Elder Care surveys were given a raffle ticket for a chance to win a Pendleton notebook. Congratulations to Mr. Vernon Bullcoming who was the lucky winner!!!! You may be next if you complete a survey at the next listening session in your area.

Office of Veterans Affairs sets example

Submitted article

This article is to update all tribal members of the accomplishments of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Office of Veterans Affairs during the last three years. Many events have taken place in this office since the doors were open. Here are the accomplishments we as a tribe have done to serve our veterans:

Conducted a homeless veterans “Stand Down.” We were the only tribes in Oklahoma to do this event with the assistance of federal, state, local and tribal departments in support. The Stand Down event serviced over 70 tribal and non-tribal veterans and provided many services. The event also provided the veterans with warm jackets, hygiene kits and other items provided by our tribal departments.

Assisted in the placement of the veteran’s names from our scouts to the present day conflicts, over 800 names were engraved on the initial engraving. Now, we have over 1100 names that have been engraved with more to be added when funds become available.

Started to award \$150 to our returning veterans who have been released from active duty within a year of release. We will continue once funds are available.

The reason we started this is because our veterans were always given dances before entering the service or going overseas, yet once they returned they were forgotten. We wanted to recognize them for their service and sacrifice.

The office also hosted the first ever “All Native American Veterans Conference,” which was held in Oklahoma City, where members of over 32 tribes were in attendance. There were speakers from the Department of Labor from Washington D.C. to regional Veterans Administration officials. There were many speakers from federal and state agencies who conducted panel discussions on veteran benefits and topics.

Conducted our annual Second and Third Homeless Veterans “Stand Down” where we serviced over 150 veterans during the two Stand Downs, Again the only tribes in Oklahoma to conduct this event for three consecutive years.

We were also the first tribes ever to have a “VA in-

ter-tribal housing summit,” where many tribes attended and one of the representatives stated “**we should have a program like this in our tribe.**”

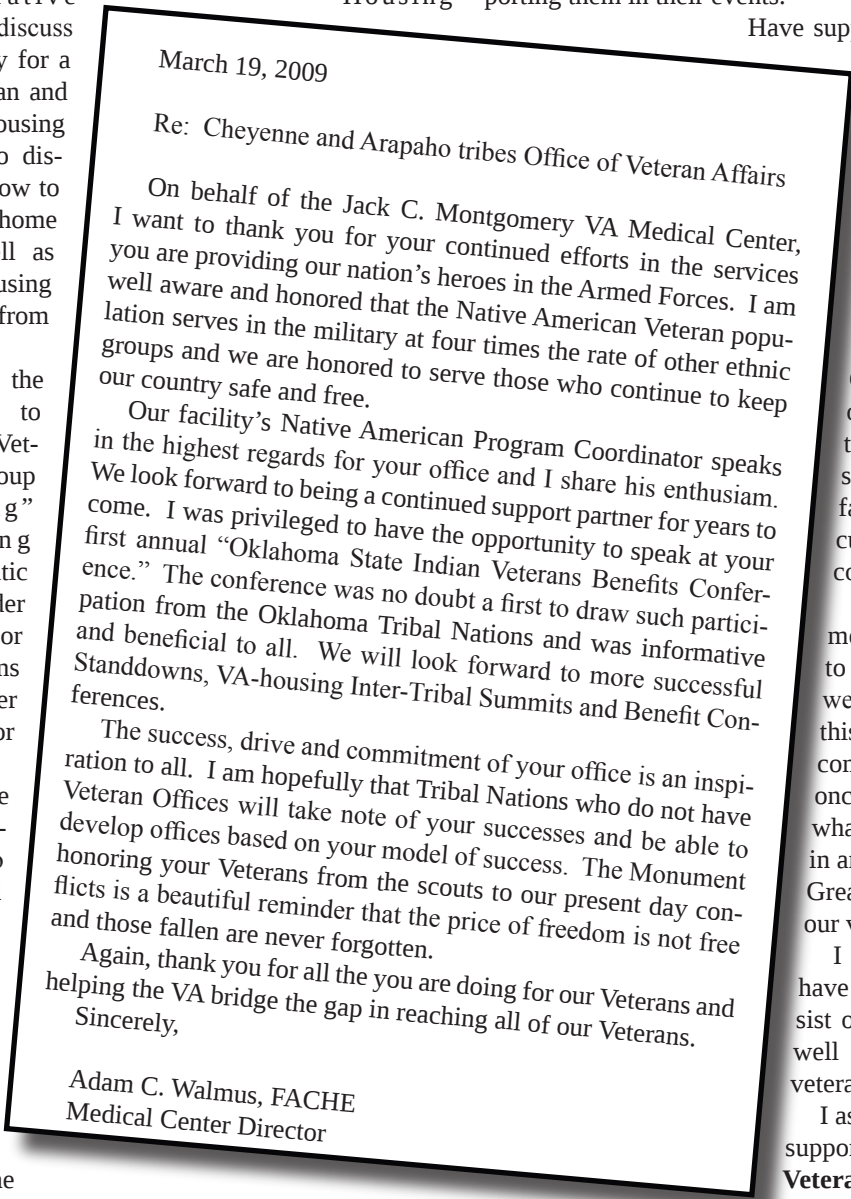
At this event we had speakers from the Veterans Administrative Office to discuss how to apply for a VA home loan and other local housing businesses to discuss about how to apply for a home loan, as well as our own Housing Authority from Clinton.

We are the only tribes to conduct “Veterans Group Counseling” concerning Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). For all veterans who suffer from this or other issues.

We have Service Officers who have assisted our veterans in obtaining their benefits and have obtained over \$4000 in initial payments to the veterans whom have applied to seek benefits.

Working with our enrollment program we have set over 11 veteran headstones at their resting place. With over nine more being ordered and waiting to be set.

We have worked with our tribal Color Guard in supporting them in their events.



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The Dignity Memorial® Vietnam Wall, a traveling three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be on display from July 3 to 5, 2009 on the football field at Piedmont High School.

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Legistators view sessions at Capitol

Submitted article

On Wednesday March 4, 2009, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Second Legislature met at the Oklahoma State Capital with several legislators and legislative staff members.

Second Legislature members were introduced to the State Senate and watched both a Senate session and a House of Representatives session, while meeting with Reps. Chuck Hoskin, Ken Luttrell and Gus Blackwell.

Hoskin is a Democrat and represents District 6 (Craig, Mayes, and Rogers counties). He serves on the Appropriations and Budget, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs committees.

Luttrell is a Democrat and represents District 37 (Kay and Osage counties). He serves on the General Government and Transportation, International Relations and Tourism, and Transportation committees.

Blackwell is a Republican and represents District 61 (Beaver, Cimarron, Ellis, Harper, Texas, and Woodward counties). He serves on the Public Health and Social Services, Common Education, and Energy and Utility Regulation committees. He is also chairman of the Rules committee, and previously served as Speaker Pro Tempore and Majority Whip for the House of Representatives.

Pictured are Patrick Spottedwolf (A-3 district), Amber Bighorse,



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Ramona Tall Bear, Gus Blackwell, Mike Martin (A-2 district), Bruce Whiteman (C-1 district), Leslie Harjo, Kim Richey and Geneva Blue.

Other people attending but not in the picture are Rachael Heap of Birds, Tracy Harjo and Patrice Spottedwolf.

To all Cheyenne, Arapaho tribal members

Submitted by the Culture and Heritage program

The Culture and Heritage program regrets to announce there will be building rental fees assessed to use the Hammon Community Hall starting March 6, 2009.

A \$75 rental fee, a \$75 cleaning deposit, and a \$25 charge for birthdays and bingo; there will not be a cleaning fee as long as sponsors clean after bingo or birthday. A funeral or wake service has priority over other scheduled cultural events and you will be required to reschedule or relocate your activity.

The 2009 rental agreement application can be picked up at the Culture and Heritage office in Clinton, the C-4 office in

Hammon Community Hall or the Concho office. Rental and cleaning deposits will only be accepted in the form of a money order or cashier’s check.

The sponsor must clean after the use of the Community Hall or there will be an automatic forfeiture of the cleaning deposit. The sponsor will be responsible for all damages, breakage to the property, and missing items, if any, at the beginning, during or ending of their event.

The sponsor shall put tables and chairs back in the proper place. The sponsor shall clean all trash inside and out and must be dispose of the trash away from the building in the dumpster provided. The sponsor is responsible for leaving the building and equipment in

the same condition as found, including sweeping and mopping the floors.

The sponsor MUST CHECK THAT ALL DOORS ARE LOCKED, SECURED, AND LIGHTS AND THERMOSTATS ARE OFF when leaving the premises.

These rules apply to everyone using the building. Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS ALLOWED.

Thank you! If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Culture and Heritage program at (405) 262-0345 ext. 27433 or Fiona Whiteskunk – Culture and Heritage Program outreach worker at (405) 371-4685.

dress: Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes – Culture and Heritage Program P.O. Box 145, Concho, OK, 73022. **Note:** The envelope should be at least an 11x14 and the postage should be at least \$2.50

The program apologizes for the inconvenience. If you have any questions please contract us at (800) 247-4612 extension 27727.

Never forget your blanket

Submitted by the Culture and Heritage program

As the country and Native American families face tough economic hardships, many are asking themselves what they can do to save money or even find ways to earn money.

As people of a traditional and cultural ethnic group there are things we can do to help our selves; ensuring we have the money needed to weather these hard times.

You ask, what are these things? This question can really be answered by a number of people in your family, especially the elders. Many have said, “Think back to a traditional time before the tribe had gaming revenues, and the only help you received was when you and your families helped yourselves.”

One tribal elder said, “When I first pledged to the Arapaho ceremonies there were no funding resources available like there is now. My family and I would have benefit dances, sell Indian tacos, have a garage sale; whatever it took to raise the money for our annual trip to Wyoming.”

“Raising the money was never considered a burden, it was a personal commitment. Fundraising allowed me to spend quality time with my family

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SWOSU Native American Club powwow April 4, 2009 at the SWOSU Wellness Center (corner of Broadway and Davis) in Weatherford, Okla.

Summer youth program 2009

Submitted article

It's that time of year again, if you can believe it, for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Summer Youth Program.

WIA staff will be visiting local schools to talk to Native American students ages 14 and older and handing out applications. These applications will require parent/

guardian signature, so students will need to bring these home.

If you do not see your child's school on the schedule, it is because a time and date have not been arranged yet.

If you would like more information about the program or would like an application, please call (405) 422-7664 or stop by our office at the main complex in Concho, Okla.

Our school visiting schedule is as follows:

HAMMON	Monday, March 23, 2009 at 11:30 a.m.
ARAPAHO	Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 11 a.m.
CANTON	Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 11:15 a.m.
GEARY	Friday, April 10, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Cheyenne tribal member graduates Tulsa Police Academy

Submitted article

On Dec. 2, 2008, tribal member Alice Rhoads Whitecloud was one of two American Indians to graduate the Tulsa Citizens Police Academy.

Whitecloud is a member of the Mayor's Police and Citizens Coalition (MPACC). She was specifically asked to apply to attend the academy. She states, "At first I was afraid. Many Indians are afraid of the police, but then after sitting on a committee with Tulsa Police Chief and Tulsa Mayor Kathy Taylor, I became better acquainted with the inner workings of the police and decided to go for it.

We have monthly meetings together and I try to offer Indian input that they will understand. They try, but having never been in my shoes, it's difficult at times for them. But I applied, which entailed lots of paperwork and a thorough background check.

Finally I was accepted. We studied many things, including, handcuffs, hand to hand combat, suicide, arrests, escapes, pursuits, firearms, bombsquad, canine and horse procedures, helicopter and underwater techniques, proper jail procedures and gang unit involvement on the streets, and drug and alcohol related procedures.

I recommend that whoever decides to do this in their community, be prepared and be in physical shape. Those guns are heavy and I mean real heavy. You may or may not be able to lift all of them. It was very important for me to participate in all aspects of the academy.

I do recommend that anyone who has the opportunity to do this, go ahead and do it. It is quite a learning experience. But the main reason I wanted to participate is to learn how my people are treated by the Tulsa Police.

I really had a good time learning. I thought at my age I would never have the



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Alice Rhoads Whitecloud graduates from the Tulsa Police Academy.



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Submitted article

At the Tribal Princess Coronation dance on March 7, 2009 "old" princesses offered words of advice to the incoming princesses. They are Charlene Curtis Wassana, 1980 Cheyenne Tribal Princess; Mary Belle Curtis Lonebear, 1947 and 1948 Cheyenne Tribal Princess; Kaylee Bish, 2008 Arapaho Tribal Princess; Kayty Curtis, 1988 Arapaho Tribal Princess; LaDonna Beaver, 1971 Kiowa Tribal Princess; Regina Youngbear, 1995 Arapaho Tribal Princess; Melanie Youngbear Reveles, 2003 Arapaho Tribal Princess and Lois Haumpy Swift, 1981 Kiowa Tribal Princess.

friends

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was with the BIA and remembers how Concho used to be when lots of families were living there and everyone knew everyone else and really cared about one another. Ramirez was also given a plaque for being the longest person employed with the BIA.

"If you weren't there, you can't begin to imagine all of the great times and the hard times we all had but we are grateful today for having lived and experienced that lifestyle," Dyer said. "As for the younger generations, a lot of us decided that we all wanted to do this to get back together with 'our family.'"

Dyer said she received a lot of response for this year's reunion and hopes the attendance next year will continue to keep growing.



Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Emily Ramirez holds up her prize from winning the first bingo round.

The Reunion Committee for the former Concho BIA Employees and Families Reunion would like to "Thank" the following tribal programs for donating items to our second reunion, which was held March 14, 2009 in El Reno, Okla.

RESPECT, WIA, Per Capita, Diabetes Wellness

Without your contributions, our reunion would not have been the success it was.

Once again, Thank You.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Submitted article

April was first declared Child Abuse Prevention Month by presidential proclamation in 1985.

Since then, people and organizations who are dedicated to protecting children have used this special time of year to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse in all its forms.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Adrian Prairie Chief, prevention case-worker ICW at (405) 422-1173.

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The 8th and 23rd of each month.

Turkey Tenderloins with Black Bean and Corn Salsa



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Black Bean and Corn Salsa	
1 Cup sweet onion, minced	
3 Large jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced	
50 Ounces canned black beans, rinsed and drained	
1-1/2 Pounds sweet corn	
1 Cup seeded and chopped fresh tomato	
1/2 Cup fresh cilantro, chopped	

Over medium-high heat, sauté onion and jalapeno pepper in remaining oil until onion softens. Add beans, corn, tomatoes, remaining chili powder/cumin mixture and cilantro. Cook until mixture is heated throughout.

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Eighth Native Women and Mens Wellness Conference April 5-9, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Norman, Okla. For more information visit www.ou.edu.	Fourteenth annual Mid-Year Tribal Enrollment Conference April 16-17, 2009 in San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.dciamerica.com or call (800) 888-1027.	The 27th annual "Protecting Our Children" National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect April 19-22, 2009 at the Peppermill Resort Casino in Reno, Nev. For more information call Isla Dane at idane@nicwa.org.	tribal judiciary, economic and community developers, federal and state agencies, and lenders. For more information about the workshops and to register, contact Dyani Bingham (406) 545-8983 or dyani_b@hotmail.com.	tive.org.	Native Men's and Women's Leadership Training April 28 - 30, 2009 in San Diego, Calif. For more information contact Kim Just (775) 773-2091 or by email kjust@nativewellness.com or visit www.nativewellness.com/events.
Tenth annual Native American Journalism Career Conference April 14-16, 2009 at the Crazy Horse Memorial in S.D. Of the nation's 52,600 newspaper journalists, approximately 284 are American Indians. For more information or to register visit www.crazyhorsememorial.org.	The 2009 Partnership for Indian Education Conference April 17-19, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Norman, Okla. For more information contact Quinton Roman Nose (405) 422-7562 or visit www.indian-education.org.	The 2009 Montana Indian Business Conference & Showcase Apr. 20-21, 2009 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula, Mont. This conference and showcase is for tribal leaders and policy makers, Indian business owners, tribal college staff and students,	Preserving Indigenous Stories and Languages with Technology-Digital Storytelling Workshop April 21-24, 2009 in Santa Fe, N.M. For information contact Rachael Nez (505) 820-1718 or email rachael.nez@ilina-ilinative.org or visit www.ilina-ilinative.org	Roles and Responsibilities of Tribal Board and Council Members April 21-22, 2009 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.	Developing Tribal Travel Policies Using IRS and OMB Guidelines April 27-28, 2009 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com/training.
		Ninth annual National Business/Procurement Conference April 26-28 2009 at the Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. For more information visit www.native-american-business.org.			

CULTURAL CORNER

By Abraham Pedro

Arapaho economy

Prepared by Bob Spoonhunter

Once the Arapaho became inhabitants of the Plains, the buffalo became the basis of their economy. Other animals were hunted and some plant food was gathered as well, but the chief supply of food, clothing and shelter came from the buffalo. There were certain areas where deer, elk, and other animals could be found; and certain areas where the tribe gathered berries, wild fruits, nuts and root tubers. These areas, though, were within or next to the regular buffalo hunting grounds.

Like the buffalo herds, the tribe wandered in a regular pattern—usually following the herds. The people needed to be familiar with the terrain in order to protect themselves from enemies, so their travel patterns became somewhat routine. In later years when they came in contact with traders and army posts, their travel patterns changed to allow for trading- visits to those places.

Because of the tribe’s need to know their territory well, they came to roam over a well defined area. In historic times their territory ranged from the Bighorn Mountains in the north to the Arkansas River in the south; and from the Wind River Rockies in the west to the Badlands of South Dakota in the east. Eventually they came to inhabit as area more permanently—that area being southeastern Wyoming, northeastern Colorado, and the westernmost parts of Nebraska and Kansas. Their territory was rich with buffalo and other food sources essential to their subsistence economy.

In hunting the buffalo, the Arapaho employed three distinct methods; driving the animals over a cliff, impounding, and surrounding them in the open. Weapons used in the hunt were clubs, spears, bows and arrows, and finally rifles.

The pound or enclosure into which the buffalo were driven by large bodies of hunters was used mostly in the winter when open prairie hunting was not practical. In the days before the horse, pounds were probably used throughout the year. Once the tribe obtained horses the large summer herds could be surrounded easier than before. The sides of the pound were usually constructed of wood and brush with a gap on one side and a chute with diverging wings, running far out onto the prairie.

Behind the diverging wings, hidden from the sight of the buffalo, the people waited. The strategy of the hunt was to entice the buffalo between these converging lines so they could be driven into a pen where the wings met. Once they were driven into the pen, they were killed by an organized attack on them by all available persons. Once horses were

obtained, the herds were brought to the pounds from several miles distant. By riding alongside a herd at a few hundred yards distance it was possible for a small party of hunters to guide the herd in the required direction. After the animals were slaughtered the entire camp moved to the scene where they were flayed and cut up the carcasses. Men, women, children, and dogs were given loads to carry away. Before leaving the scene, nooses were set at small openings in the fencing in order to trap wolves, badgers and foxes who were soon attracted to the area.

The use of the cliff or cut-back over which the buffalo fell into a pound below was another method of hunting. In driving the buffalo over this cliff, the Arapaho used the same procedure as when they drove the animals into the pound. This method of hunting buffalo is sometimes referred to as a “buffalo-jump,” because the buffalo were forced to leap over the cliff and fall to their death below. If any survived the leap they were killed by hunters waiting at the bottom.

The surround method of hunting was a method used after the tribe obtained horses. The surround on the open prairie was most effective in the summer when the buffalo formed large herds and moved eastward to the flat, open country. Rich rewards resulted from successful hunting, but that success depended on the effective cooperation of large numbers of hunters. It was for the summer hunt that the various bands joined up into a few major groups, and at an appointed time the entire tribe converged for the hunt.

Although the buffalo provided by far the greatest part of the food supply, the Arapaho did not neglect other game. They also captured elk by the enclosure or pitfall method. Antelope were also captured by a method similar to the one used for buffalo; but for the antelope a pit instead of a pound was constructed. The pit was usually placed at the end of a high, angled fence made of brush. This pit was concealed from the antelope by a low fence over which they were forced to leap. The hunters were armed with clubs and other weapons and lay concealed in shallow trenches alongside the fences. Their job was to strike down the antelope as they fell into the pit. Deer were shot with arrows, which was not difficult to do in earlier times when they were more numerous.

One important difference existed between the hunting of buffalo and the hunting of other animals. It was the wanderings of the buffalo herds that determined the seasonal movements of the tribe. It was largely during winter when the buffalo were scarce that the Arapaho

seriously turned to the hunting of other game. Yet even at this time of year their movements, choice of camping sites and hunting trips were undertaken with an eye towards the buffalo. Not unlike the buffalo, for whom they went out and searched, they expected that the other game would come to them through the use of traps, pens and so forth.

The gathering of wild plant food was undertaken at the same time as the hunts. These foods were found all over the plains and gathered by the tribe as they followed the buffalo. The Arapaho were very ingenious in their use of buffalo. Besides serving as their chief subsistence resource, the buffalo provided them with materials from which they made many articles used by them in their daily lives. Almost every part of the animal was used. The hide was dressed with the hair left on to provide heavy winter robes; thinned and with the hair removed, it was the material for shirts, leggings, moccasins, tent covers, bags and receptacles of all kinds. Cut into strips, it furnished ropes and lines. Buffalo hair was used to stuff pillows and later, saddles, and to decorate garments, shields, and quivers.

The back sinews of the buffalo were used for thread and string and when attached with glue made from hooves, it served as a backing for wooden bows to give them greater strength and elasticity. The horns of the buffalo were softened by boiling and were shaped into spoons and ladles while the bones were fashioned into tools for dressing hides.

Following the buffalo, but clearly if secondary importance, were other large game animals, notably elk, antelope and deer. In addition, all kinds of smaller and less plentiful animals were hunted and trapped in order to vary the fare or else stave off starvation. In this supplementary category, the following animals included: black bear, wolves, foxes, coyotes, young wildcats, panthers, mountains sheep, badgers, skunks, and beaver.

In addition to animal food which formed the bulk of their diet, the Arapaho also collected a large variety of wild roots, berries, fruits, nuts and starch-root-tubers, which were either eaten alone or when mixed with meat formed an important part of their supplementary diet. Included among the commonest plant foods gathered by Arapaho women were service berries, buffalo berries, chokecherries, prairie turnips, plums, currants, gooseberries, red cherries, sand cherries, acorns and pods from the knife scabbard tree.

Next edition: Areas of occupation, and Social Organization.



CALENDAR of Events

Comanche Nation College benefit gourd dance

From 6 to 10 p.m. April 3, 2009 at the college gym, 1608 SW 9th Street in Lawton, Okla. Special invitation to all princesses and organizations.

SWOSU Native American Club powwow

April 4, 2009 at the SWOSU Wellness Center (corner of Broadway and Davis) in Weatherford, Okla. Gourd dance 3 p.m., supper 5 p.m., grand entry 7 p.m. Special invitations to tribal leaders, tribal princesses and drum groups. For more information, call (580) 774-3139.

Benefit Dance for Brandy Fasthorse

April 4, 2009 at Darlington School in El Reno, Okla. Supper at 4 p.m. A special invitation to all former Indian Nation princesses. For more information contact Malaina Tallbear (405) 422-7540.

American Indian Leadership Youth Council Powwow

April 4, 2009 at the McCurtain County Sports Complex, Broken Bow, Okla. For more information contact Monica Billy (580) 584-3365 ext. 4069.

Calumet JOM parent meeting

At 5:30 p.m. April 6, 2009 at the high school home economics room. For more information, call Kerri Cole at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27564.

Second Wind smoking cessation class

April 6, 2009 at the education department’s CATI center in El Reno, Okla. For more information, call (405) 422-7676.

Watonga community listening meeting

At 6 p.m. April 7, 2009 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Bldg.

Woodward JOM parent meeting

At 4 p.m. April 9, 2009 at the Woodward Public Library. For more information, call Kerri Cole at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27564.

Arapaho Chief Alonzo Sankey Memorial Dance

April 11, 2009 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Building. Supper at 5 p.m. For more information, contact (580) 886-2984 or Angie at (405) 313-3567.

Seminole State College Native American Student Association’s Spring Powwow

April 11, 2009 at the Raymond Harber Fieldhouse, Seminole, Okla. Men and Womens’ dance contests and tiny tots contest. For more information contact Marie Dawson (405) 382-9249.

Andrew Ray Miles 13th birthday dance

April 11, 2009 Concho Community Building in Concho, Okla. Dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. and dance to follow. For more information, contact Melvin or Karen Miles at (405) 262-5336.

Canton/Longdale community listening meeting

At 6 p.m. April 14, 2009 at the Canton Native American Bldg.

Anger Management Class

From 2 to 5 p.m. April 14, 2009 at the Department of Education CATI office. For more information, call (405) 422-7676.

Caddo Nation Head Start Benefit Powwow

April 18, 2009 at the Oklahoma Street Gym in Anadarko, Okla. For more information contact Patty Leemhuis (405) 656-2344 ext. 257 or email pleemhuis@caddonation.org.

Oklahoma City community listening meeting

At 6 p.m. April 21, 2009 at the Clarion Hotel.

Geary community listening meeting

At 6 p.m. April 28, 2009 at the Geary Community Bldg.

Comanche Nation College Spring Powwow

May 2, 2009 Comanche Nation Complex, Lawton, Okla. Noon-2 p.m. gourd dance, 2-5 p.m. contests and intertribal dancing, 5-6 p.m. supper, 7-? p.m. contests and intertribal dancing. For more information, call (580) 591-0203.

The 2009 Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Graduation Banquet

May 6, 2009 at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Ballroom in Weatherford, Okla. For more information contact Wanda Whiteman (800) 247-4612 ext. 27560.

Haskell Fast Pitch Tournament

The 15th annual Haskell Commencement Indian Men’s and Women’s Fast Pitch Tournament will be held May 9 and 10, 2009 at the Clinton Lake Sports Complex in Lawrence, Kan. For more information, contact Sherry Girty at (785) 979-5501.

The North Family and Descendants Reunion

May 10, 2009 at the old Homeplace in Geary, Okla. For more information contact Roderick Sweezy, (405) 884-2536, Norma Black, (405) 262-1258, or Deborah Youngbull, (405) 884-2762.

Special Blood Drive

For twins Presley Faith and Kylee Hope Stewart on May 13, 2009 at the Community Building in Concho, Okla. For more information, call Irene Deer at (405) 740-1492.

Reminder:

The deadline to submit information for the April 15, 2009 Tribal Tribune is April 8, 2009. All late submissions will be placed in the following issue, unless space is available. - Deadlines are on the 8th and 23rd of each month, unless the date falls on a weekend, then the deadline will be the Friday before. - All copy submitted is requested to be sent electronically in Microsoft Word, if possible, without boxes around the text or hyperlinks. We are unable to open Publisher documents nor can we publish copyrighted material without permission.

Thank you

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Office of the Governor and Executive Branch would like to invite all tribal members to listening meetings. These sessions will give tribal members a chance to voice their opinions as well as ask questions regarding different tribal programs. A meal will be provided at each meeting.

Watonga community

April 7, 2009 6 p.m. Watonga Multi Purpose Bldg.

Canton/Longdale communities

April 14, 2009 6 p.m. Canton Native American Bldg.

Oklahoma City area

April 21, 2009 6 p.m. Clarion Hotel, Oklahoma City

Geary community

April 28, 2009 6 p.m. Geary Community Building

For more information, contact the Department of Administration at (405) 422-7540.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Cheyenne & Arapaho Youth Council Activity
R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Activity Center - Clinton, Oklahoma

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Easter Egg Hunt
Concho Softball Fields

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Cheyenne & Arapaho Youth Council Activity
State Capitol - Oklahoma City

APRIL 18-19

MAYB Basketball Tournament-Oklahoma City
(5th-8th Grade Teams)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

“College Information Day”
Southwestern Oklahoma State University Campus
9th-12th Grade Students

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

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IN re the Invalidity of Tribal Council
Resolutions #2, #5, #8, #9 and #13 on
Agenda of February 21, 2009 Special Tribal
Council Meeting

PATRICK SPOTEDWOLF, Speaker of the
Second Legislature and A-3 Legislator;
ROBERT WILSON, Assistant Speaker of the
Second Legislature and C-2 Legislator;
IDA HOFFMAN, C-4 Legislator;
MIKE MARTIN, A-1 Legislator;
BRUCE WHITEMAN, JR., C-1 Legislator;
Plaintiffs

vs.

RACHEL LYNN, Tribal Council Coordinator,
in her official capacity
Defendant

Case No: CIV-2009-0018

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ORDER

The Trial Court, having considered the Plaintiff's Motion For Emergency
Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary Injunction, Permanent Injunction,
Declaratory Relief, and Brief in Support, and for good cause shown, finds as
follows:

1. That pursuant to the Special Tribal Council Meeting held on February
21, 2009 at which only item 2 of the Proposed Resolutions in the
Complaint #2, #5, #8, #9 and #13 was considered;

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Order of 3-3-09
Spottedwolf, et al. vs. Lynn, et al.
CIV-2009-0018

2. That since no action was taken on the other 4 proposed Resolutions by
the Tribal Council both the Complaint and Motion by the Plaintiffs are
considered moot. The case is dismissed without prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Bob A. Smith

Chief Judge Bob A. Smith
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:

MARISSA MAE RED HAT
DOB: 05-30-03 ROLL #14259
KYRA MARIE HAMILTON
DOB: 06-21-05 ROLL #14698
KYLE REESE HAMILTON
DOB: 06-21-05 ROLL #14699
Minor Children

Case No: PG-2009-0017
PG-2009-0017A
PG-2009-0017B

ORDER OF TEMPORARY EMERGENCY GUARDIANSHIP

NOW, on this 9th day of March, 2009, the Court finds that based upon the verified
Petition For Guardianship, Request For Temporary Emergency Guardianship and statements
presented by the Petitioners, Edward Red Hat, II and Brenda Kauley, the Cheyenne and
Arapaho Trial Court deems it necessary to issue this Order Of Temporary Emergency
Guardianship.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that temporary emergency guardianship of the persons
and estates of:

MARISSA MAE RED HAT DOB: 05-30-03 ROLL #14259
KYRA MARIE HAMILTON DOB: 06-21-05 ROLL #14698
KYLE REESE HAMILTON DOB: 06-21-05 ROLL #14699

are hereby placed with the Petitioners, Edward Red Hat, II and Brenda Kauley, pending the
Show Cause Hearing

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Order Of Temporary Emergency Guardianship
Red Hat & Hamilton Children
PG-2009-0017; PG-2009-0017A; PG-2009-0017B

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order is to take effect immediately and that
FRANCIS KEITH HAMILTON, JR., and AMY LYNN RED HAT may appear at the Cheyenne
and Arapaho Trial Court located at Concho, Oklahoma, on the 26TH day of MARCH, 2009 at
9:00 AM before the Judge of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court, to show cause why this
Order of Temporary Emergency Guardianship should not remain in full force and effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 9th day of March, 2009.



Bob A. Smith

Chief Judge Bob A. Smith
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In the Matter of the Adoption Of:

FRANKY JAMES LEFTHAND
DOB: 02-08-2002
SSN: 440-17-9597
A Minor Child

Case No.: JFA-2009-0001

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: The Biological Father of FRANKY LEFTHAND
-including but not limited to potential father DAVID TAYLOR ROGERS

TAKE NOTICE that an Application to Terminate your Parental Rights and a
Petition for Adoption have been filed in the above-styled case. Said Motion and Petition
are set for hearing on May 7, 2009 at 9:00 AM. You have the right to appear in court
and present evidence as to why said motion and petition should not be granted. Further,
you have the right to be represented by counsel on the above date.

You must appear before the honorable Judge Smith in the above named Court on
the 7th day of May, 2009 at 9:00 AM or a Default Judgment may be entered against you
and your rights to the above named juvenile may be terminated.

Bob A. Smith

The Honorable Bob Smith

Edward Kelley, Bar # 21526
1705 S Van Buren
Enid, Oklahoma 73703
Telephone: (580) 242-8462
Facsimile: (580) 242-8466
Attorney for Petitioner

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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES,
EX. REL.,
DAVIAANN CONNYWERDY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ALI QASIM RSHEIDAT,
Defendant.

CASE NO.: CIV-2008-5877
FGN: 52981800
DAVIAANN CONNYWERDY
MOTHER
ALI QASIM RSHEIDAT
OBLIGOR
DAVIAANN CONNYWERDY
CUSTODIAN

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

COURT OF THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES: ALI QASIM RSHEIDAT

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Determination of Paternity and Establishment of Child
Support has been filed in the Court listed above by the Plaintiff. You must appear in the Trial Court
of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Concho, Oklahoma on the 12th day of May
2009, at 9:00 a.m., or the Petition for Determination of Paternity and Establishment of Child Support
will be taken as true and the court will grant to the Plaintiff.

Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of March, 2009.

Deputy Court Clerk

Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

By
April S. Buck, OBA# 18921
P.O. Box 1809
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(580) 436-3419

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Cheyenne District 4
Special Recall Election

Remove 37.28 percent
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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Election Commission
certifies the above information to be a true abstract of the votes
cast for the Special Recall Election held March 20, 2009.

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Economic Development trip report



Submitted article

Amarillo, Texas, March 19, 2009

For the record, the Economic Development (EDEV) staff attended the annual Affiliated Food Show in Amarillo, Texas at the invitation of the New Accounts Officer Mr. Dale Thompson.

The staff members in attendance were: Charles J. Williams, director, Joyce Martinez, assistant director, Linda Big Soldier, project manager and business development officer, Kenneth Beartrack, assistant store manager, and Larry Scott, construction supervisor.

The purpose of the show was to allow stockholder members/customers the opportunity to visualize and possibly purchase the latest and most recent product lines within the company.

The purpose of the tribes' Economic Development staff was to see what product lines will be purchased as inventory for the grocery store in

Calumet.

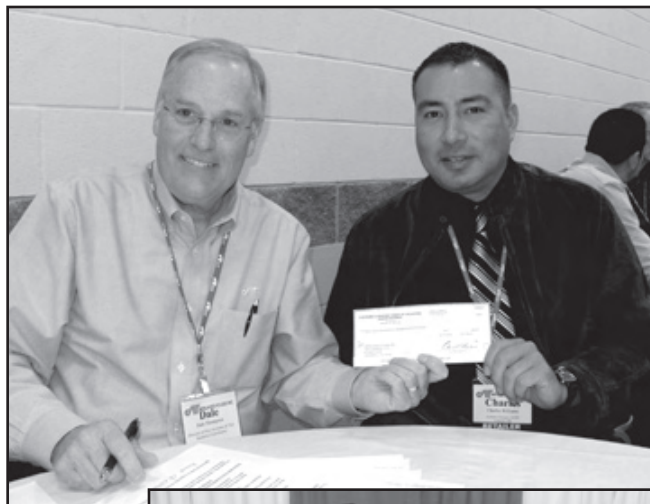
However, the primary purpose of the EDEV staff was to close the transaction of the store's required stock buy-in for membership to Affiliated.

The staff met with Thompson for the buy-in transaction. The staff brought the prepared documents with the governor's signature. Big Soldier prepared the packet previously and once all required forms and documents were in place, the transaction was ready for the presentation of the check for full membership of the buy-in. This was done. The staff then, returned to the food show as full member attendees.

The staff made contact with future associates of the various food line products the grocery store will be purchasing.

The staff paid special attention to the deli department, the meat section, bakery, house ware goods, Mexican prep foods, dairy products and frozen foods.

The result of the trip was very worthwhile and the staff can look forward to marketing the needs of the local consumer for our Calumet Grocery Store.



Courtesy photos



Canton Feather Warrior Casino management to build a parking lot for over flow parking.

This was extremely urgent because the

Building for the future

Submitted article

On Feb. 24, 2009 the Economic Development (EDEV) department was informed of the one-year anniversary celebration of the opening of the Feather Warrior Casino in Canton.

We were asked by

Canton Feather Warrior Casino management to build a parking lot for over flow parking.

This was extremely urgent because the

weather forecast for that weekend was for rain and snow; the current overflow parking lot was a dirt lot. The approximate parking lot size was one acre.

The Economic Development construction crew provided manpower for equipment operations and site preparation. EDEV contracted with a local trucking company for truckloads of crusher run.

Thirty-five truckloads was all the crusher rock that could be delivered with the equipment and time available, ten more loads will be required to complete the project.

As the rock was being delivered by the trucks, the Economic Development equipment operators spread and compacted the rock. During this process several tanker

truckloads of water were being applied.

On the first day of construction the weather was extremely mild. As everyone that lives in Oklahoma knows the weather changes quickly and on Friday the crew was greeted by a cold front from the North, it was about 20 degrees with high winds making the task much more difficult for the construction crew working on this project.

The equipment used on the project was five semi trucks and trailers, one road grader, one 8,000 gallon water truck, one road packer, a backhoe, one skid-steer, along with 15 Economic Development employees.

This project will be completed in April 2009.

Youth participate in handgame tournament

Submitted article

Guessing was the name of the game for several youth who participated in the handgame tournament held by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes R.E.Sp.E.C.T program on March 8, 2009 at the Concho Community Hall in Concho, Okla.

Shakers and handgame songs filled the air as the games were played by youth from several Cheyenne and Arapaho communities from as far away as Elk City. The participants had the opportunity to make their own handgame shakers in a craft activity at the beginning of the event. Betty Roman Nose assisted the youth in the activity. Lucian Twins Jr. and Victor Maldonado assisted in the painting of the shakers.

When the activity was complete the participants were divided into two teams, the North and South. Allen Yeahquo, who also announced the tournament, presented a short history lesson of handgame before the game began. Cletus Gayton was the official caller in the game and assisted the guessers with the hand signals, and Betty Roman Nose assisted the participants with how to properly hide the bones.

Goodwarrior Deer, Arin Jones and Ernest Topah, lead the tournament with the handgame songs. As the singers sang the handgame songs, players either guessed for the bones or two players of the opposing team would hide the bones. All players participated with plenty of enthusiasm.

The tournament went to three games with the North side team winning the tiebreaker. After the games, the participants were all invited to attend the next hand game tournament, also sponsored by



Courtesy photo

The R.E.Sp.E.C.T program.

The tournament will be on March 28, 2009 at the R.E.Sp.E.C.T Activity Center in Clinton, Okla. All Cheyenne and Arapaho youth and youth council members are invited to represent their community in this event.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T program would like to thank all the participants who attended the handgames in Concho.

For information regarding R.E.Sp.E.C.T events and activities go to www.c-a-tribes.org/respect or call (405) 262-0345 ext. 27570 or (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570.

Lewis meets Obama

Submitted news

"I am enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma and I just wanted to share my good news! I made the paper for the Washington Post and I also got to meet the president and shake his hand twice.

I work for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC and I'm always proud to share moments with everyone back home.

The tribe has always given me great support throughout my college education. I continue to represent and stay positive.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Lewis, Human Resource specialist, Department of Veterans Affairs, Central Office Human Resources Service."

The Washington Post article Lewis mentioned ran on March 17, 2009 on page A06 and was titled *President's visit buoy federal employees.*

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while socializing with friends and other tribal members. Everyone came together to work it out," he added.

It's true; Native Americans do not need to be taught how to give or help others.

Native traditions of philanthropy may look a little different from that practiced by professional fundraisers, but Native American ways are well woven into the fabric of native society and traditions.

For example: A common gesture is the blanket dance at powwows and other social dances. We all know if an individual or an organization had an emergency, a special blanket dance is dedicated to that person or organization in need and a blanket is placed in the center of the dance arena.

As the drum sings a special song; dancers and others walk into the circle and place monetary gifts onto the blanket.

Not only does this traditional act of generosity help the person or organization, but also it helps instill a sense of unity, fellowship and pride among Native American families, helping those in need.

So as the times get tougher, and the traditional powwow and ceremony season fast approach, and because we never know when a time of need shall arise, at any given moment "never forget your blanket."

C-1 DISTRICT APRIL EVENTS

April 4

Seiling Easter Party-
Community Hall 2 p.m.

April 5

Woodward Easter Party-
Crystal Beach 1 p.m.

April 12

Watonga Easter Party-
Community Hall (Check w/Winona Youngbird on the time of events.)

April 14

Elders Coalition- Seiling
Community Hall- 6 p.m.
Inviting all elders from
all tribal communities. Dinner will be served.

*** The C-1 office will
be tentatively closed April
20 - 24.***



April 22, 2009

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The Trace of the Southern Arapaho

By Bobby Steere

Tous and Heebee (Hello).

A new book on the Southern Arapaho tribe is now available. Entitled *The Trace of the Southern Arapaho*, the author is Bobby Steere and the publisher is IUniverse. Whether you are a friend and student of Indian culture, or a Southern Arapaho tribal member, this book provides an opportunity to celebrate the trail, the trace, of the Southern Arapaho tribe.

Cihniitoni (Hear me). This book is not a history of blue-coated calvary attacking a sleeping encampment of Plains Indians on the Washita River or Sand Creek, nor of Arapahos attacking invading buffalo hunters. Rather, it unfolds a non-fictional account of Plains Indians and the migration of one tribe--the Southern

Arapaho and their oppressed life style on the Cheyenne and Arapaho reservation in Oklahoma Territory. Their life style on the reservation is documented by the author's use of the agents' reports between 1872 and 1886

The tale continues by the praising of an infamous laborer who accepted an arduous task of helping displaced Southern Arapahos learn and adapt to the white-man's ways.

Tousihi' (What is his name.) *Honooxoeenhii3e3en* (I am answering you.) The laborer's name, a man rich in low-key pedagogical, manual and leadership skills, was John H. Seger. Mister Seger's talents and his respect for Plains Indians enabled him to convince many Arapaho and Cheyenne people to move from a passive existence at the Darlington Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian Agency in Oklahoma Territory to a hands-on environ near present day Colony, Okla.

The documentary then concludes by looking at one of Seger's Southern Arapaho followers and the acculturation and Anglicization of that Arapaho and his family. The follower, one of the 18 household heads initially following Seger to Pond Creek, was Little Bird (*Hookciihit Nii'eihii*), an Arapaho whose life and his family were significantly changed by his association with Seger.

Two men, two cultures: one ultimately becoming a respected leader and educator of Indians; and one pilgrim following his mentor's leadership in learning and adopting the white-man's survival skills and much of its culture. Here, we find commensalisms at its best! Working together!

The books' five appendices are inclusive of top-

ics such as the chronological movement of the Southern Arapaho, Left Hand's death, and tribal customs.

Readers, it is believed, will find the book's research on reservation life, anecdotes, 25 photographs, and a comprehensive index to be most enlightening. The book's index may well serve family historians in that it recognizes over 100 Native Americans (mostly Southern Arapahos and Cheyennes), 50 reservation employees, 25 military personnel, and 47 other linked persons.

Bobby Steere, the author, was born and reared in western Oklahoma. After his retirement as an educator, Dr. Steere traced his four grandparents' families to the 1600s before commencing his study of his wife's (Loretta Little Bird) tribe--the Southern Arapaho. Bobby, reminiscing, admits that he has found writing to be more enjoyable than shining shoes on the streets of Cheyenne, Okla. for 5 cents a pair and pulling cotton for a penny a pound.

The author will donate any profits, above his publishing costs, to a cultural or educational project of the Southern Arapaho tribe. This pledge is so stated in the book's acknowledgment.

Those wishing to acquire the book will find the following information useful.

Title: *The Trace of the Southern Arapaho*
Author: Bobby Steere
Publisher: IUniverse, 2009
Cost: \$17.95, plus shipping
Sources: Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble.com, (800) 373-2468, and select booksellers.
Hohou (Thank you.)

Recovery Act includes \$500 million for Indian Health Service

Funds Will Boost Economy, Modernize Facilities, Improve Equipment and Care

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced the Indian Health Service (IHS), has been allocated \$500 million in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The Recovery Act funds will strengthen the economy, support the construction and modernization of IHS health facilities and strengthen the use of health information technology at those facilities.

"The Recovery Act will help meet many critical health needs in Indian communities, create jobs and boost our economy," IHS Director Robert G. McSwain said. "These funds will support construction of new health care facilities, expansion of our health information technology activities and our work to ensure Indian communities have safe and clean water."

The Recovery Act calls for the IHS to spend \$227 million for health facilities construction, \$100 million in maintenance and im-

provements, \$85 million for health information technology, \$68 million for sanitation facilities construction, and \$20 million for health equipment and will help improve health care in Indian Country.

American Indians and Alaska Natives born today have a life expectancy that is 4.6 years less than average Americans. Investing in health care in Indian communities can yield immeasurable benefits and improve the health of American Indian and Alaska Natives.

American Indians and Alaska Natives die at significantly higher rates than average Americans from tuberculosis (750 percent higher), diabetes (190 percent higher) and unintentional injuries (150 percent higher). The Recovery Act includes funds to complete the construction of the Norton Sound Regional Hospital in Nome, Alaska.

The new Norton Sound facility replaces an outdated 61-year-old hospital that is too small to serve an estimated 10,000 users. The

project will create a substantial number of new jobs in construction, transportation, and other professions and help fight unemployment in Nome. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate in the Nome area was 12.7 percent as of January 2009.

Other Recovery Act projects, intended to help create new jobs and ease unemployment in Indian communities across the country will be announced in the coming months.

For more information about the Indian Health Service, visit www.ihs.gov

The activities described in this release are being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). To track the progress of HHS activities funded through the ARRA, visit www.hhs.gov/recovery. To track all federal funds provided through the ARRA, visit www.recovery.gov

Radio modules to accompany We Shall Remain

We Shall Remain, a five-part television special from the PBS series, American Experience, telling the story of pivotal moments in U.S. history from the Native American perspective will have a corresponding radio component.

Five 5-minute radio programs, produced by Native Public Media, will air on Native American and community stations nationwide, and via Native Voice One www.nv1.org, AIROS, www.airos.org and PRX www.prx.org, as well as on NPR member stations in conjunction with the TV mini-series.

In addition a one-hour documentary featuring the five radio stories with bonus material will be distributed by NV1, AIROS AND PRX.

The multi-media project, spanning three hundred years, establishes Native American history as an essential part of American history.

Both the TV and the radio series begin airing in April 2009. Peggy Berryhill (Muscogee), Native Public Media's director of Media Architecture and Services, is the executive producer for the radio component.

She is joined by Brian Bull (Nez Perce), assistant news director for Wisconsin Public Radio, and Arun Rath, freelance producer for public broadcasting.

We Shall Remain shows how Native American people adapted and fought back-- from the Wampanoags of New England in the 1600s to the bold

new leaders of the 1970s, who harnessed the momentum of the civil rights movement to forge a pan-Indian identity.

The radio programs bridge the historical segments presented in the television series and present the Indian world as it is today.

Each radio program illustrates the television program content from current perspectives. Native Public Media's mission is to strengthen and expand the Native voice.

It promotes healthy, engaged, independent Native communities by expanding the capacity of Native American people to access, operate, produce, participate in and control their own media.

Native Public Media cur-

rently comprises 33 public radio stations, based mostly in tribal homelands.

We Shall Remain represents an unprecedented collaboration with multiple media platforms radio broadcast, Web and new media, a mentoring program, educational and community outreach campaigns, and media partnerships to give the series maximum impact.

For more information on Native Public Media and We Shall Remain, visit www.nativepublicmedia.org, or www.nativepublicmedia.org/Our-Work/we-shall-remain-project.php.

For broadcast dates and times in your area, check your local listings, or contact your local public radio station.

National Native American 5K Championships to be held Memorial Day weekend

(ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.) – The Native American Sports Council's – Sports Warrior Track Club is conducting the second annual Native American 5,000-meter run "National championships to be held on Saturday May 23, 2009 in Albuquerque, N.M.

This event will serve as a national Native American Championships and will require participants to provide proof of Native American tribal membership if requested.

There will be five age divisions for this year's championship event consisting of male and female children, fifth grade and under; youth, sixth – eighth grades; young adult, ninth – 12 grades, Adults; out of high school, and masters, those over 40 years of age.

Awards go ten deep in each division and the overall winners of each division will receive special awards and the distinction of being the Native American National Champion.

Other events, which require no tribal membership, include non-competitive fitness one and two mile walks and a 400-meter toddler and youth dash.

Additional competitive events include a Community 5,000- meter run with age divisions, 12 - under, 13-16; 17-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; and 60 - up, and a youth focused 1,000 meter run with age divi-

sions, 8 – under; 9 – 10; and 11-12.

Awards are given to the top 5 male and female finishers.

This year's event will be held at Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute located at 9169 Coors Rd. NW.

The events start with the fitness walks at 8 a.m., 8:30 a.m. 1K youth races, 9 a.m. 400-meter toddler and youth dash, and 9:15 a.m. the Native American and Open Community 5K runs.

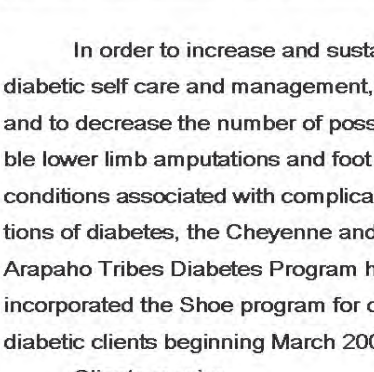
To download a race flyer and entry form visit the NASC Web site: www.nascsports.org, or email SportsWarriorsTC@aol.com to have one sent.

For further information contact the race director at (505) 890-3430 or (505) 710-3323.

Proceeds go to support the NASC's Sports Warriors Track Club; a program that provides assistance to Native American distance runners that qualify to compete in USATF sanctioned events.

The Native American Sports Council (NASC) is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit multi-sport community based member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

The NASC promotes athletic excellence and wellness within Native American communities through sports programs, which combine traditional Native American values with those of the modern Olympics.



Cheyenne & Arapaho Diabetes Wellness N7 Shoe Program Is HERE!!!!

Eligibility requirements

- Proof of diabetes diagnosis
- Proof of residency within tribal service area
- Proof of tribal affiliation- CDIB
- Completed application

Hours of Operation

- Tuesday & Thursday
- 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
- Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch & holidays

Appointment Only

- Call (405) 422-7679
- Last appointment scheduled no later than 4:00 PM



This is **NOT** a substitute for prescribed orthotic shoe. Call (405) 422-7679 for further information and questions about this program & eligibility.

In order to increase and sustain diabetic self care and management, and to decrease the number of possible lower limb amputations and foot conditions associated with complications of diabetes, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Diabetes Program has incorporated the Shoe program for our diabetic clients beginning March 2009.

Clients receive:

- Foot exam
- Foot care education &
- New pair of N7 shoes every 6 months

Tax HELP!

Submitted information

The following is a list of organizations that provide tax assistance.

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) can be found at libraries and colleges during the tax season.
- <http://www.tax-coalition.org/programs.cfm>
<http://www.tax-coalition.org/programs.cfm#ok>
- <http://www.oktax.state.ok.us/freevita.html>
<http://www.tax.ok.gov/vitasites.html>
- http://www.caaofokc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=32
Scroll down to "Tax Assistance" in the list of available programs
- <http://www.christianet.com/accounting/incometaxpreparation/services.htm>



THE CHEROKEE TRADING POST

HIGHWAY I-40 EXIT 71-CLINTON

POW WOW CDs now available Including 49, Gourd Dance & Round Dance

PLUS A WIDE VARIETY OF NATIVE AMERICAN MOVIES

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“When in doubt – disclose,” Jones said. “Make sure you disclose that stuff. The reality is we’re going to find out later.”

Ashlee Chaudoin, 2004-05



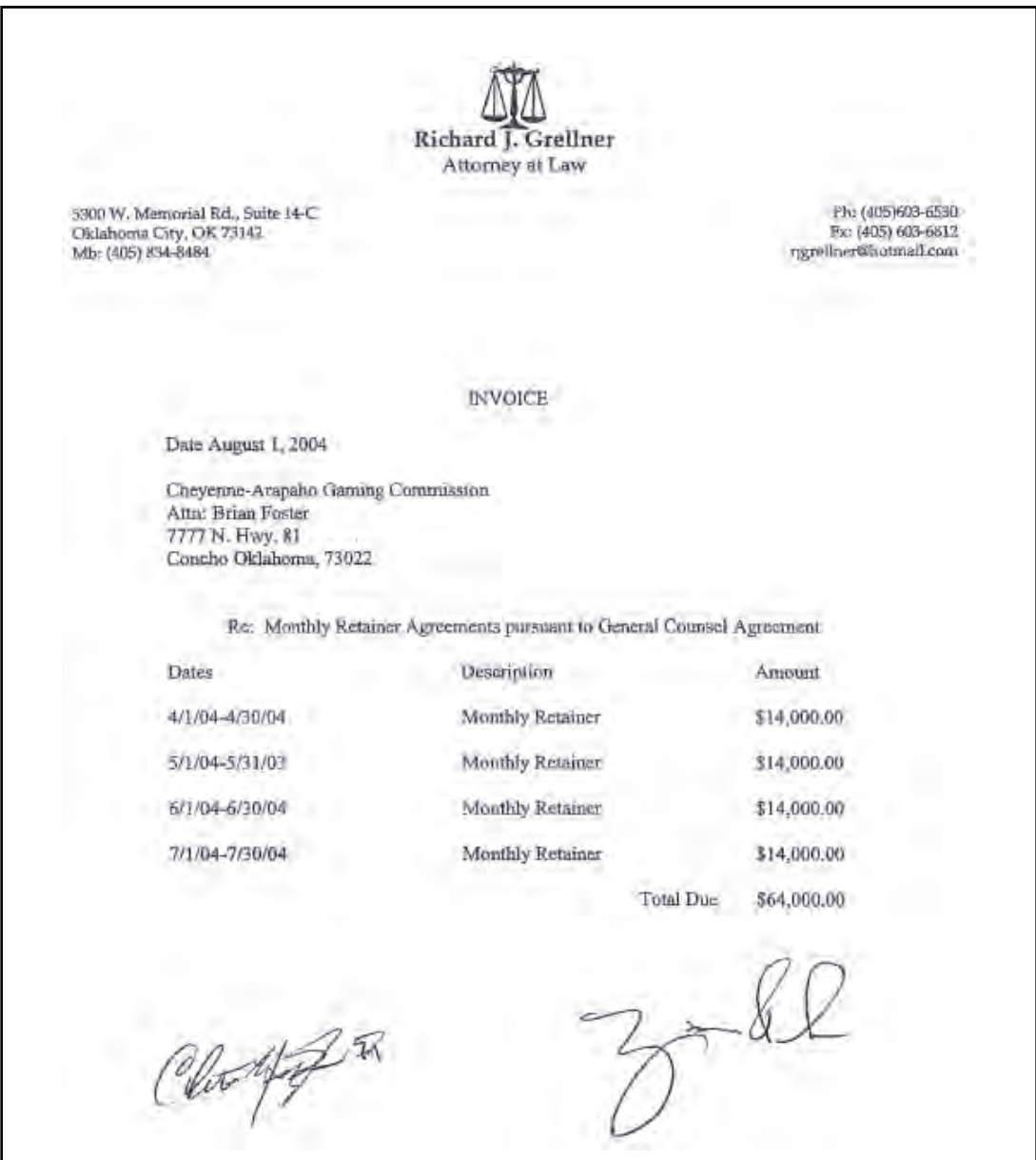
Miss Cherokee, said, "I'm glad I came today. I think today was a great opportunity to learn about the other schools."

Lend a Helping Hand
In the old days, people gathered together to help one another. Hunting, cutting meat, and

Hohóu, Jackie and Charlie
Miller

It was also a time for me to present results of my family research and for us to share photos of our family members, many of whom passed away years ago.

Christine Morton



Happy Birthday To You



Happy Belated Birthday to my Angel Baby Carlina Hamilton! 5 years old March 13th You will always be my baby! I love you always and forever girl~ Love ya mamma Leah, Araceli, Desiree, G-ma Lydia, G-pa Crazy Horse, Uncles, Aunts, Cuzins and all your family!

Happy Belated 31st Birthday
Sean Gregory Hamilton
Love da Hamilton on Thompson Drive



Happy 10th Anniversary John G. Yellow Eagle I love you with all my heart Love always your wife Paris M. Yellow Eagle

Birthday Invitation
To all Seiling, Canton & Woodward C&A's: There will be a birthday dinner for Shonae Darrien Whiteman's 2nd birthday at the C1 building at 1 p.m. April 5, 2009 in Seiling, Okla.
Shonae is the daughter of Darren Whiteman & Janae Limpy, paternal granddaughter of Charlotte Fair, and maternal grand-daughter of the late Henry Limpy & Leona Whiteshield, of Seiling, Okla.
All family & friends come and have dinner with Shonae and celebrate with us her 2nd birthday!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CONCHO HEAD START STUDENTS	
Caelin Curtis	3/19/04
Alex Reed	3/30/04
Isaiah Sam	3/10/04
James Shawnee	3/18/04
Victor Padilla	3/23/05
Jacob Youngbear	3/31/05
Malaki	
Nevaquayah	3/04/04
Kiersten Younger	3/07/05
Joshua Williams	3/16/04



Happy Birthday
Carlos Walton!
From all your friends at Clinton Head Start!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
APRIL 6TH
Elijah Tall Bear-Sage
Oklahoma Warriors
2nd Place NBA Tournament
Congratulations Baby!
I am so proud of you!
Lu,Lu,Lu!
Love your Momma!



Happy 2nd Birthday Shonae "Juicy" Whiteman We love you! Sami, Seth & Shavella

Happy 2nd birthday to our beautiful baby girl! We love you lots! Mom & Dad



Happy Birthday
Chezdon Bissonette
From all your friends at Clinton Head Start!



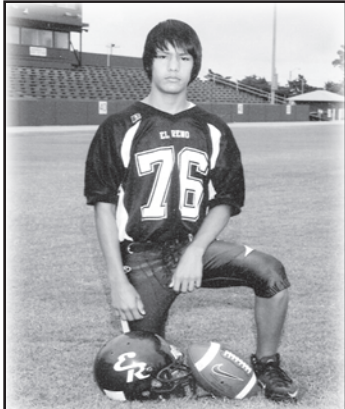
Happy Belated 89th Birthday
March 20, 1920
Mrs. Esther Lamebull
May you Have a Blessed Birthday
Lots of Love Irene Deer



Happy Belated Birthday
Stephen Littlebird
March 28th
Love Jeremy, Tye, and Alana



Happy 18th Birthday
Domingo Bruce Chavez
April 14th
From your Whiteman Family



Happy Birthday
Frankie Cometsevah
March 29th
You make me very proud to be your mother I love you mom!

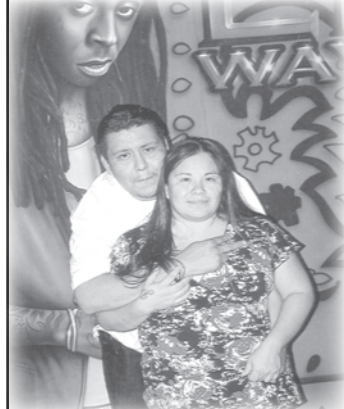


Happy Birthday
Terri Hines!
From all your students and friends at Clinton Head Start



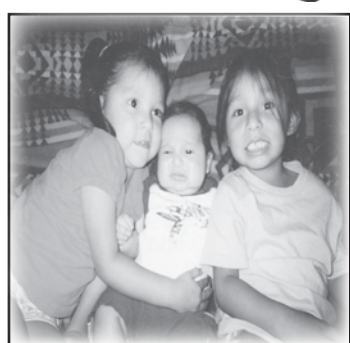
Happy 7th Birthday
Dustin Dakota Wolf tongue
April 15th
With love from Dad, your sisters, Lakota & Kyla, mama, papa and your aunties Alona, Lee, Chelsey & Hillery and your favorite lil' cuz Tye.

Happy 2nd Birthday
Baby Janae!
We love you Aunt Janae, Sami, Seth, Shavella & Shonae



Georgia Black
April 3rd!
Happy Birthday Baby!
From Jacob, Jonah, Marley ,baby Allianna and ME!
Love ya!

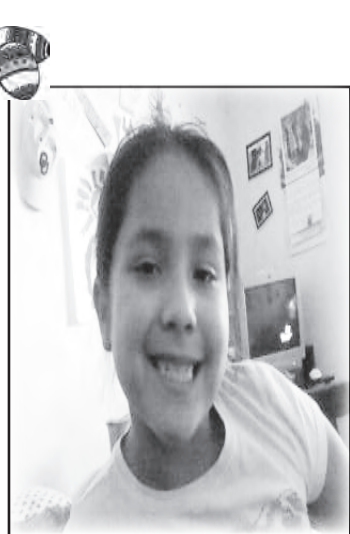
Congratulations Eagleboy and Crystal Whiteshield
Congratulations to my brother, Eagleboy Whiteshield who took second place in the Men's Southern Straight contest at the 2009 Denver March powwow and my sister Crystal Whiteshield (tribal member) who took third place in the "Wicaglatla" women singing behind the drum.
Both Eagleboy and Crystal reside in Denver, Colo.



Happy Birthday to Edwin Jack, Edwina Reenee and Kenneth Jr. April 20th and 21st! From Mom & Dad, aunties and uncles and Grandma Margie

We want to wish our Daddy Basil a Happy Belated birthday with love, Jacob, Jonah, Marley, and baby Illianna

Happy 2nd Birthday
Sophie Daugherty!
We love you!
Aunt Janae, Sami, Seth, Shavella & Shonae



Happy Birthday Iris!!!!
9 Yrs. Old
Love your Dad and Family!!!!

Easter Blessings To My Grandchildren
Sonia Michelle (Limpy) Huffman, Tristen Douglas Limpy, Mischell Ma'ree (Limpy) Hummingbird, Christian De'Shawn Guzman, Samantha Nicole Tiger, Seth Diondre Tiger, Shevella Adena Tiger, Shonae Darrien Whiteman, Janae Andrea Limpy, Christa Danielle Limpy, Elizabeth Bluesky Limpy, Beth Limpy, San-

cha Limpy
Maheo' has truly blessed me! I have not stopped giving thanks for you all-my grand babies! Remembering you all in my prayers day and night. May Maheo' keep you all well and safe and prosper you all! I love each of you equal in my own way!
Grandma Leona - Rom. 8:28

Happy 2nd Birthday
April 2nd
Shoenae Darrien
Our Cute Lil' Angel
We love you and may God Bless you with many more birthdays
Limpy-Tiger-Whiteshield-Billy Families
Roman 8:28

Happy Birthday
April 10th
Bert P. Billy
We love you & God Bless you!

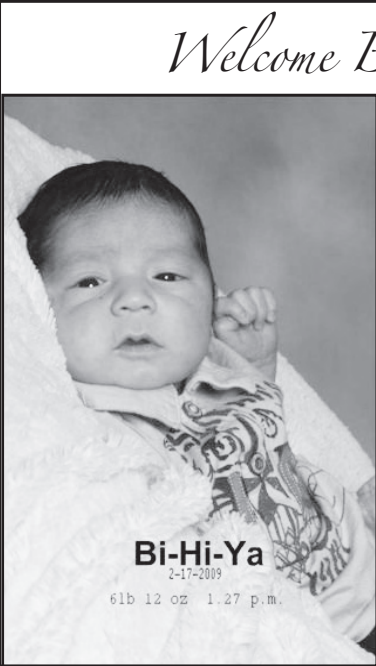
Happy Birthday
April 15th
Andrea R. Limpy'
We love you & God Bless you!

Happy 2nd Birthday
April 26th
Janae Andrea Limpy
"Our Lil' Miracle Angel"
God blessed our families with you At such a time as this!
Limpy-Tiger-Whiteshield-Billy Families
Roman 8:28



HAPPY 16TH BIRTHDAY!
EILEEN RENEE PEDRO
"RAE-RAE"
WE LOVE YOU!
FRANCESCA, DESTINY, MIRANDA, MOM AND DAD!

Happy Belated Birthday
M.D. Spotted Corn
March 17th
Love your niece Gloria, nephews Curtis & Aaron, brother Goosby, and grandkids Jarvis, Antonio and Janice. We love you!



Welcome Bi-Hi-Ya

Niehhi Hamilton and Rolana Littlehawk would like to announce the birth of their son, Bi~Hi-Ya Hoonoki Hamilton, Bi-Hi-Ya was born on Feb. 17, 2009 at 1:27 p.m., weighing 6lbs. 12ozs. and was 18 inches long.
Bi~Hi-Ya has a 3yr old big brother Niehhi II. His grandparents are Agnes Littlehawk, Miriam Birdshead, Donald Littlehawk, Dale and Bobbie Hamilton.
We Praise God for blessing us with our sons.

Happy Birthday Tulane!!!
April 12th
We love you from the Shoulderblades
Dad, Mom & little brother Ira Wayne!

HAPPY EASTER
From the Staff of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune

*NOTE: Remember the Deadline for Next Issue is APRIL 8, 2009

CONGRATULATIONS

Month for February 2009.
He is the son of John Gerald and Paris (Goodbear) Yellow Eagle.
His teacher, Mrs. Aulig said he scored really well in academic testing and she has been very impressed with his politeness and good manners.
We are very proud: Dad, Mom, brother Alex, Sissy Bindii, Grandma Wanda, uncles-Shane, Shannon, Matthew, Fran, Randal, Alex, Carl Bryce, and Adrian.
John-John Adrian Yellow Eagle, first grader at Rose Wicher Elementary in El Reno, was chosen as Student of the


Submitted photo
Pictured l-r: Mason Ott, Bob Beach, GianCarl, Isabella, Abbey, Carlene, Gabriella and Hanna.

GianCarl and Gabriella Damian made it home in time to celebrate Christmas with the family!

The twins were born Sept. 28, 2008 (nine weeks early). GianCarl and Gabriella are the children of Gio and Shannon (Hannah) Damian of Dusen, La., and grandchildren of Bob and Carlene (Nowlin) Beach of Lafayette, La., Juliana Damian of Romania, the late Gian Damian; and great-grandchildren of the late Keg and Mary Nita (Lumpmouth) Nowlin of Colony, Okla. They are descendants of Homer Sr. and Ida (Wassana) Lumpmouth also of Colony, Lumpmouth and Singing Bear of Geary and Wassana and Crow Woman of Colony.

Attention: Frank Harrington
I am trying to locate you. Our last meeting was in 1980 at our mother Amy Harrington's funeral in Long Beach, Calif. Please contact me - Vincent.
Address until May 2009
Vincent Parker F33267
RCE GYM- 183up
P.O. Box 500
Chino, CA 91708


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100 Campus Drive,
Weatherford, OK 73096
Phone: (580) 774-3742
Fax: (580) 774-7085
E-mail: catc@swosu.edu

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver’s license, and CDIB to:Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: awhite@c-a-tribes.org

Indian Youth Of American Summer Camps Now Hiring Summer Staff

Positions available are camp counselors, recreation and arts/crafts instructors, camp nurse, resource people knowledgeable in photography, leadership and life skills, nutrition, substance abuse, Indian culture, storytelling, Indian games and the environments. Work schedule will be June 20-July 2, 2009 at the Whispering Pines Camp, Prescott, Ariz. and Aug. 3-14, 2009 at the Camp Bob Marshall in Custer, South Dakota. Salary is \$70 per day – plus lodging and meals. Will be reimbursed for bus ticket or gas expense to and from camps. Must be 18 years of age. **DEADLINE DATE TO APPLY** is May 22, 2009 for Arizona camp and July 13, 2009 for South Dakota camp. Write or call Indian Youth of America, P.O. Box 2786, Sioux City, Iowa 51106, and (712) 252-3230 or fax us at (712) 252-3712

Assistance with Indian children students with disabilities

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education is aware that some Indian children with disabilities may not be receiving the services needed for accommodation to obtain a proper education in the public schools. Parents have the authority to invite a representative to the Individual Education Plan (IEP) meeting between the school, child and the parent each year. We have skilled vocational rehabilitation counselors and education staff available to ensure each plan adopted meets the requirements necessary to accommodate each individual child’s education needs. Parents needing assistance can call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27568. Please ask for Quinton Romannose or James Archer; or contact Bryan Sykes at (888) 284-7725.



CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES TODAY
Television Program and
C&A Tribal College Video Production
Student Projects can be viewed on
Sudden Link Cable - Weatherford, Okla
Tues. & Thurs.
10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
8 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Cheyenne & Arapaho
Graduates
CALLING ALL 2009
GRADUATES



Send your graduation photo along with your name, graduating school and degree (if applicable) to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune for the 2009 Graduation Insert. Email submissions to dattocknie@c-a-tribes.org and/or rmstephens@c-a-tribes.org or mail to P.O. Box 38, Concho, OK 73022.

**DEADLINE FOR ALL PHOTOS
IS MAY 31, 2009**

Note: If mailing, please include a S.A.S.E. to receive your photo back.

Business Development Officer

QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor’s degree in economics, business, public planning, marketing or four years experience in planning and business development preferred. Must have at least three years in financial management and at least one year of marketing experience. Incumbent must be able to demonstrate public speaking skills, conduct power-point presentations to a variety of businesses, Indian and non-Indian communities, local chamber of commerce and/or local economic development organizations. Indian preference applies, with current CDIB. Must possess valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Must pass pre-hire drug screening. **SALARY:** Negotiable

Meat Cutter Calument Grocery Store

QUALIFICATIONS:
A high School or general education degree (GED) required. Minimum of one year experience in a retail operation or certification. Be able to lift 50 lbs or more. Must posses valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Must pass the tribes mandatory drug test. **SALARY:** Negotiable

CALLING ALL LABORERS AND MAINTENANCE WORKERS of all skill levels...

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Facilities Management and Construction will advertise approximately 200 laborer and maintenance staff positions throughout Indian Country. These positions will include Laborers, Maintenance Workers, Mechanical Workers, Mechanical Helpers, and Custodial Workers.

To apply for these positions please go to one of the following for more information:

- www.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV
- Contact your local Bureau of Indian Affairs office for a listing of advertisements.
- Contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs – Office of Human Capital Management at 1011 Indian School Road NW, Suite 136, Albuquerque, NM 87104.

PLEASE READ THE ADVERTISEMENT CAREFULLY TO DETERMINE WHAT FORMS ARE REQUIRED FOR YOUR LEVEL.

How to apply:

A complete application package may contain the following depending on the level you will apply for:

- Optional Form-612 (Optional Application for Federal Employments) or a resume or any written format consistent with OPM Optional Form 510 will be accepted.
- Optional Form 306, (Declaration of Federal Employment)
- Form GSA 3607 (Motor Vehicle Operator’s License and Driving Record) if applicable.
- Form BIA-4432 (Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service) must be submitted to claim Indian Preference. (Contact your Tribal enrollment office for this form) A certificate of Indian blood or any other forms will not be accepted.
- Supplemental Questionnaire (Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities) should be addressed if applicable.
- College Transcripts are optional but must be submitted for Educational credit. Credit will not be granted without verification.
- Standard Form-50B (Notification of Personnel Action) Federal status employees must submit a current copy. Do not send an Award SF-50B.
- BIA Form-4450 (Supervisory Appraisal of Demonstrated Performance or Potential) should be submitted.
- Form DD-214 must be submitted if you are claiming 5-point Veteran’s Preference.
- Standard Form 15 must be submitted if you are claiming 10-point Veteran’s Preference.
- DI-1935 (Applicant Background Survey Form) is voluntary for submission.

Forms OF-612, OF-510, and OF-306 are available at www.opm.gov/forms.
Form GSA 3607 is available at www.gsa.gov/forms.

Applications and all accompanying documents mailed through postal, overnight or express mail services must be received by the closing date of the vacancy announcement. Applications may also be faxed to (505) 563-3041 and must be received by the closing date. Fax only those documents required. Documents not identified in the application requirements should not be included in the fax, but sent by mail. Applicants’ qualifications will be evaluated solely on the information submitted in the application. Electronic mail or government envelopes may not be used to submit applications. Make sure to submit all required documents or your application will not be considered.

For assistance with your application you may contact Trina Fox at (505) 563-5105 or by email at trina.fox@bia.gov.

Elders Day Out

Inviting Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Elders!

Wednesday, April 22, 2009
Elk City Convention Center
1016 E. Airport Industrial Rd.
Registration: 9:30 a.m.
Program: 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE

El Reno-Wal Mart Parking Lot	8:00 a.m.
Weatherford-Wal Mart Parking Lot	8:45 a.m.
Clinton-Homeland Parking Lot	9:15 a.m.
Thomas-Terrier Express	8:30 a.m.
Watonga-Kaffs Apple Mart	8:00 a.m.
Canton-Shell Gas Station	8:30 a.m.
Selling-Shell Gas Station	8:30 a.m.

Elders Egg Hunt!
For more information contact
the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program at
1-800-247-4612 ext. 27570.

Easter Egg Hunt

Inviting all Tribal Youth & Elders!

Saturday, April 11, 2009
11:00 a.m.
Concho Ball Fields
&
Clinton R. & Sp. E. C. T. Activity Center

Age Divisions
5 & Under
6-10
11-14
15-18
55 & Older

For more Information, please contact
1-800-247-4612 Ext.27570

The Planning Office Would like to Once Again Thank Tribal Members Who Participated In community profile survey



Please come by the Planning Office to pick up your Incentive for your Participation

The University of Oklahoma Poll conducted the survey from December 13, 2008 to January 21, 2009. A total of 570 individuals completed the survey. The report will be available for the Tribes in April 2009. Verification of your participation is the telephone number called and the surveyors' notations that the survey was completed. If you were called but chose not to take the survey, you are ineligible for the free gift. Again, thank you for your participation.

Questions about the survey may be addressed to Margaret Anquoe, Lynnette Gray, Kim Goodbear or Julia Svitak from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes'

A copy of the minutes and resolution can be obtained from the Office of Tribal Council.

CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES
Annual Tribal Council Meeting
February 21, 2009
Concho Community Building – Concho Oklahoma

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BY: *[Signature]*

(9:20am) Welcome: Rachel Lynn
Invocation: Lee Yelloweyes
Roll Call/Establish Quorum: Rachel Lynn, Tribal Council Coordinator counted 75 names to establish quorum and did not count all tribal council members present.

Election of Chairperson:
Motion made to nominate Reva Wassana; 2nd by Mary Lyttle
Mike Martin nominate Melvin Whitebird; 2nd by Yvonne Verjan
Note: (Rachel Lynn, Tribal Council Coordinator said no records were portrayed on who nominated R. Wassana, per phone conversation on Monday, February 23, 2009 approx. 2:05 pm), Leslie Harjo
187 For Melvin Whitebird; 54 for Reva Wassana; 1 Not Voting
Chairperson: Melvin Whitebird

Election of Secretary:
Mike Martin nominated Vera Franklin; 2nd by Leslie Wandrie
Ermalee Sykes nominated Teresa Doresett; 2nd by Yvonne Post
229 for Vera Franklin; 78 for Teresa Doresett; 0 Not Voting
Secretary: Vera Franklin

Election of Sergeant of Arms:
Ramon Tailbear nominated Mike Martin; 2nd by Bruce Whitman
Motion to cease nomination no objection by: Amber Big Horse; 2nd by Jerry Levi
Sergeant of Arms: Mike Martin by Acclamation

Appointment of Counters for voting procedure by Chairperson:
Leslie Wandrie Jerry Levi Jerry Roman Nose
Patrice Spottedwolf James Daukei Joyce Martinez
Chris Buffalo Chole Orange Ramona Tailbear
Amelia Beaver

(9:41 am) New Business Proposed Resolution

1. Resolution # STC-02-31-2009-01: Authority for Governor to negotiate and sign Contract & Grants to obtain Grants Pertaining to P.L. 93-638 Contract for the benefit of the Tribes.

First motion made by: Ida Hoffman to disapprove resolution Authority for Governor to negotiate and sign Contract & Grants to obtain Grants Pertaining to P.L. 93-638 Contract for the benefit of the Tribes, 2nd by Amber Bighorse.
To Disapprove Resolution: 262 For; 83 Against; 0 Not Voting; 0 Abstain.
Vote Passed to Disapprove adoption of: Authority for Governor to negotiate and sign Contract & Grants to obtain Grants Pertaining to P.L. 93-638.

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2. Resolution # STC-02-21-2009-02: Policy to Support Judicial Branch of Government.

First motion made by: Ida Hoffman to accept resolution "Policy to Support Judicial Branch of Government," 2nd by Amber Bighorse.

Motion to Amend by: Amber Bighorse; 2nd by Ellen Sweezy
Amendments are included within the final Resolution # STC-02-21-2009-02
269 For; 86 Against; 7 Not Voting; 7 Abstain

Motion made to accept "Policy to Support Judicial Branch of Government" by: Ida Hoffman; 2nd by Amber Bighorse.
256 For; 77 Against; 8 Not Voting; 4 Abstaining.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting:
Motion made by: Ida Hoffman, and 2nd Amber Bighorse.
Vote Passed to Adjourn Meeting: 273 For; 18 Against; 2 Not Voting; 1 Abstain

Meeting Adjourn: Approximately 11:22 am

[Signature]
Melvin Whitebird, Chairperson

[Signature]
Vera Franklin, Secretary

2-23-09
Date

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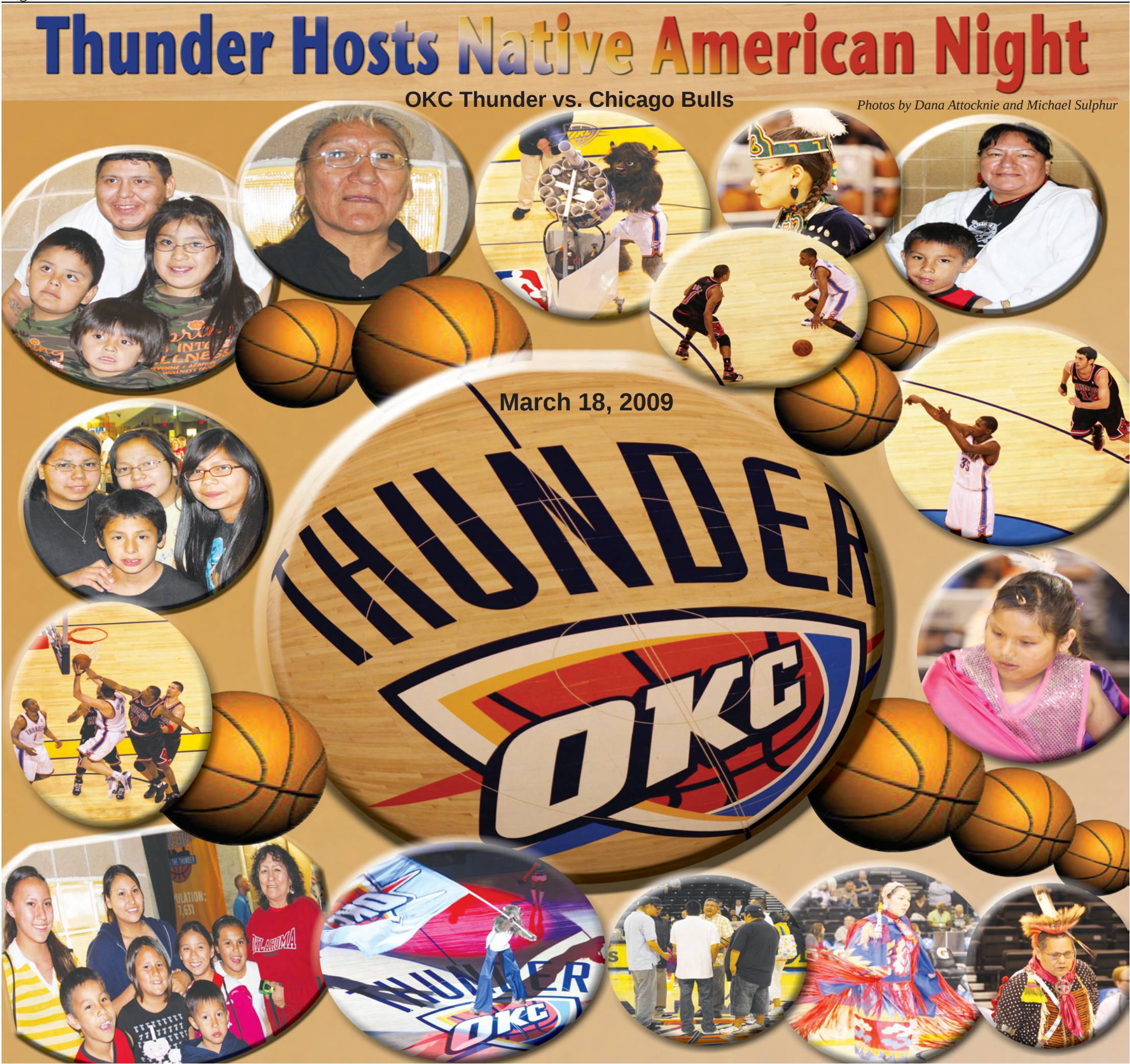
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OKC Thunder vs. Chicago Bulls

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March 18, 2009



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